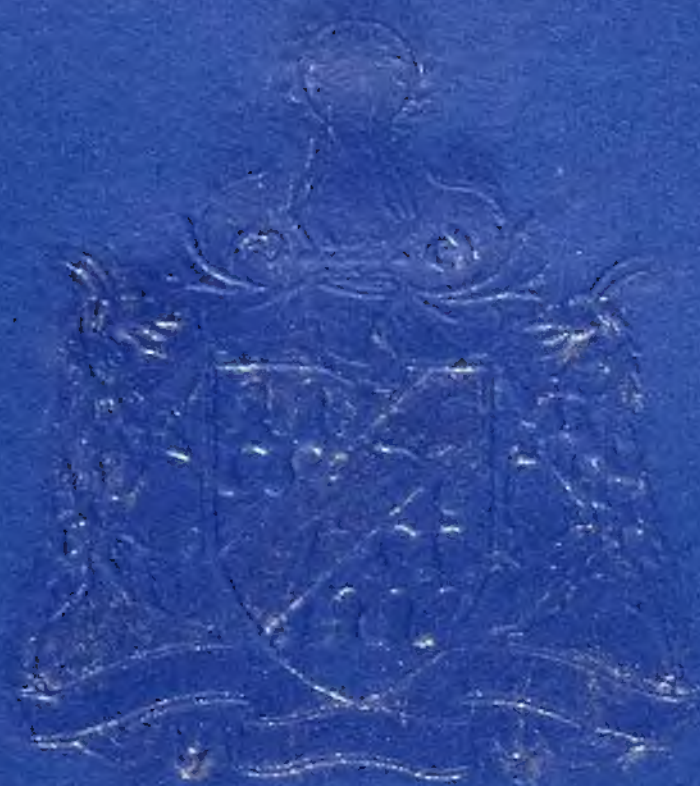


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EDITORIAL

In order to encourage more literary contributions to the magazine, it was decided early in the year to run a competition in three sections, for the best poem, essay or short story submitted from the Junior School, Middle School and Sixth Forms, and the Headmaster kindly agreed to award book prizes to the winning entries.

The first competition was held in March and the most outstanding contributions in each section are published in this number of the magazine; other entries of merit will appear in our next number. Altogether about forty poems or articles were submitted, most of them of quite reasonable standard, and it is possible to draw two main conclusions from these results. Firstly, there is, after all, a wealth of creative literary ability in the School at all levels and, secondly, it, unfortunately, needs the offer of a prize to bring it to light.

The prize-winners in each section display commendable literary power, whilst quite a number of other entries show considerable promise—limitation of space, however, prevents the publication of any but the winning entries in this issue. The Editors hope that those who were unsuccessful in this competition will not lose heart, but will go on writing and, eventually, will submit further material.

It is a pity that the incentives of a prize and a competition should be necessary to secure a sufficient number of literary contributions to *THE SKYLARK*. In the past the Editors have appealed again and again for poems and short stories, but always offers have been disappointingly few and often of poor quality. In consequence, our literary section has for long been weak or non-existent. It should be possible to judge the development of the creative side of school literary life by a glance at the magazine. The paucity of such original material in our last few editions must, however, have led our readers to suspect a complete lack of poetic imagination and literary ability throughout the School. Yet, it would appear that our poets, essayists and short-story writers were there—seemingly scorning the publicity of the School magazine or, perhaps, needing some material compensation for the criticism that publication of their work might bring. Whatever the reasons for their past modesty or disinterestedness, the competition certainly succeeded in persuading them to reveal their hidden literary abilities on this occasion, and the Editors are duly grateful.

We hope, however, that would-be contributors will not always wait for a competition before submitting their efforts to editorial approval. If this contest should result in a steady stream of suitable articles reaching the Editors in future, it will not have been held in vain—indeed, it will not only have accomplished its primary purpose, but also have relieved the Editors of a headache and assured a permanent improvement in the general substance of the magazine.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Captain of the School

G. B. JONES

Vice-Captain of the School

A. J. DICKSON

School Prefects

G. B. JONES, A. J. DICKSON, T. U. BURGNER, J. H. COOPER,
W. F. CORPE, M. C. GOLDING, D. A. LUNDIE, D. J. WILKINS.

House Captains :

Calverts :	W. F. CORPE.	Meadows :	J. H. COOPER.
Hendersons :	J. D. BLACKBURN.	Russells :	D. J. WILKINS.
Joblings :	M. C. GOLDING.	Strouts :	A. J. DICKSON.

Captains of Games :

Athletics :	M. W. ANDREWS.	Rowing :	I. M. GLOINSON.
Boxing :	G. B. JONES.	Rugby :	M. C. GOLDING.
Cricket :	G. B. JONES.	Shooting :	I. M. GLOINSON.
Cross-Country :	A. J. WOOLFORD.	Swimming :	C. JARRETT.
Fives :	D. J. WILKINS.	Tennis :	P. S. ROBSON.

Assistant Games Secretary : M. J. BOVINGTON.

Senior N.C.O., C.C.F. : G. B. JONES.

School Librarian : W. F. CORPE. *Science Librarian :* S. GOLDSTONE.

School Recorder : J. H. COOPER.

DE OMNIBUS REBUS

Early in the Spring Term, F. E. Tudor, Esq., who has been Chairman of the School Governors for the past ten years, announced his retirement.

With sincere regret we bid farewell to Mr. Tudor as Chairman and wish him every happiness and prosperity in the years that lie ahead. He served the School well during the very difficult period of the War and its aftermath, and we are very grateful to him for all he has done for the School.

Mr. Tudor will remain a member of the Governing body, so that he will still be able to take a close interest in School affairs.

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Mr. Tudor's successor as Chairman is Colonel P. C. Bull, D.S.O., Lecturer in Inorganic Chemistry at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, in the University of London.

He visited the School on 28th March, and was given a very hearty welcome at a special assembly of the combined Upper and Lower Schools. He afterwards met members of the Staff at an informal gathering, then journeyed to Chase Lodge to see the Preparatory Department.

Colonel Bull is assured of the fullest co-operation by all members of the School in maintaining that happy relationship which has always existed between the School and its Governors, and we wish him every success in his new office.

On the first day of the Spring Term we heard with the deepest regret that B. P. W. White, a member of form 51, had died during the Christmas holidays after a very brief illness. White was only 14 years old and came to the School in 1946. He had shown considerable promise in both school work and games and was a member of the C.C.F. We should like to extend our sincerest sympathy to his parents in their sad loss.

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The deaths have also recently been announced of two distinguished Old Boys: W. Stanley Edgson and Sir Ralph Freeman.

W. Stanley Edgson, D.L., F.R.I.C.S., F.A.I., a former Alderman and Mayor of Westminster, died suddenly in Jamaica on 18th February, at the age of 75. He was a surveyor by profession and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers.

Sir Ralph Freeman, one of our most distinguished Old Boys, who gained world fame as the designer and builder of Sydney Harbour Bridge, Australia's greatest pride, died on 11th March at the age of 69.

Sir Ralph's life work was bridge-building. His many achievements included five large bridges in the Rhodesias, two of them over 1,000 ft. span, and quite recently he was engaged on the designs for the River Severn Suspension Bridge of 3,300 ft. span and a bridge for Auckland Harbour of 3,500 ft. span.

His work brought him many honours. For the Sydney Harbour Bridge he received the Baker Medal of the Institute of Civil Engineers, its highest award. He was knighted in 1947, and was an Honorary Fellow of the Imperial College of Science and Technology.

Detailed obituaries will be found in the Old Boys' Notes section of the magazine.

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During the Spring Term we were happy to receive a visit from another distinguished Old Boy, Mr. Norman Humphrey (1908-1915), who, until recently, was chief agricultural adviser to the Government of Kenya.

He spoke to a section of the Sixth Form about agricultural problems in East Africa, and made some interesting comments on the Groundnuts Scheme. Later, he gave an illustrated talk about Kenya to the Sociological Society. These talks were given by arrangement with the Imperial Institute.

Mr. Humphrey was an original member of Joblings House and had not visited his old School for more than 30 years. He expects to be going abroad again very shortly.

We very much regret to hear that the School Chaplain, the Rev. A. S. Taylor, is leaving us in July. He has been appointed Rector and Vice-Provost of the Collegiate Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Port Elizabeth, in the diocese of Grahamstown, South Africa. He will conduct the last corporate Communion for the School at St. Francis' Church, Gladstone Park, on 12th July. We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our deep appreciation of his services to the spiritual life of the School, and wish him and Mrs. Taylor every success and happiness in their new and adventurous work in South Africa.

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We are also sorry to hear that Mr. G. Mathews is leaving us. He has been appointed Senior Maths. Master at St. Dunstan's College, and takes up his new appointment in September. His cheerful presence will be greatly missed, especially on the Fives Courts, and we would wish him continued happiness and prosperity in his new post.

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Since the beginning of the year the School has had more than its usual quota of student masters. From the Institute of Education have come Messrs. Marston, Upshon and Kornua, the last two representing India and the Gold Coast respectively, whilst from Cambridge has come Mr. Macdonald. We hope they have enjoyed their brief stay amongst us and we wish them all success in their future teaching careers.

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In November, Mr. G. S. Campbell was again elected Hon. Secretary of the London District Council of the Council for Education in World Citizenship (a United Nations Association organisation for schools), with J. Taylor, *Via*, *Sci.*, as assistant Hon. Secretary and M. J. Grabow, *Via*, *Mod.*, as a member of the Committee. They organised a successful conference for Schools on the problems of South-East Asia, held in the William Ellis School, N.W.5, on 18th and 19th April, and attended by the representatives of 35 schools. On 18th May M. J. Grabow took part in a broadcast discussion on "Is World Government Desirable Now?" The programme was broadcast in the North American Service of the B.B.C.

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We should like to offer our congratulations to T. U. Burgner, on the award of a £40 Open Exhibition at St. Catharine's, Cambridge. He has been a very keen and valuable member of the editorial board of this magazine for the past year, and his colleagues would like to express their appreciation of his services, especially in the preliminary judging of the literary competition prior to his leaving School at Easter. May he have every success in his future career.

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We congratulate A. J. Dickson on his appointment as Vice-Captain of the School, and D. A. Lundie on his promotion to School Prefect as from the beginning of the summer term.

Congratulations also to T. U. M. Smith who has been selected to represent England at an international youth camp in the U.S.A. organised by Youth Incorporated Ltd. in association with the C.E.W.C. All his expenses will be paid for a month's stay in America. He flies to New York on 5th July.

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During the Autumn Term the following School officers were appointed: D. J. Wilkins to be a School prefect; and G. D. A. Bennet, M. Haltrecht, A. Mayoss, K. W. Pearce, P. J. Cox, I. M. Gloinson, R. G. Hurd, H. Norman and R. E. Partington to be sub-prefects.

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R. M. Mathew, having left the School early in the Autumn Term, M. C. Golding was appointed Captain of Rugby in his place.

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G. B. Jones was re-appointed Captain of Boxing, with G. D. A. Bennet as Vice-Captain.

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I. M. Gloinson was appointed Captain of Rowing, with A. R. B. Cloote as Vice-Captain.

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A. J. Woolford was appointed Captain of Cross-Country and M. W. Andrews, Captain of Athletics.

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D. J. Wilkins became Captain of Chess and was re-appointed Captain of Fives.

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G. B. Jones has been appointed Captain of Cricket with D. F. Gainsborough as Vice-Captain.

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P. Robson has been appointed Captain of Tennis, with S. Freilich as Vice-Captain.

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Rugby Colours were re-awarded to M. C. Golding and R. M. Mathew, while new Colours were awarded to G. D. A. Bennet, M. J. Bovington, D. Davies, D. F. Gainsborough, B. E. Hurd, J. F. Kingston, G. B. Morrison, H. Norman, G. D. N. Parker, R. E. Partington and B. J. Pinnell.

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Boxing Colours were re-awarded to G. B. Jones, G. D. A. Bennet, S. Freilich and B. J. Pinnell, and new Colours awarded to D. J. Foster.

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Cross-Country Colours were re-awarded to A. J. Woolford and new awards were made to P. E. J. Taylor and D. A. Jones.

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Athletic Colours have been re-awarded to M. C. Golding and B. R. Miller, and new Colours awarded to M. W. Andrews, H. Norman and R. E. Partington.

Calverts are to be congratulated on winning both the House Rugby Cup and the Junior Inter-House Competition, and Meadows on winning the Paddock Cup for Seven-a-Side Rugby.

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In the Upper School Boxing Competition Calverts and Russells tied for first place, whilst Hendersons won the Junior Inter-House contest.

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Special congratulations must go to Russells for their further success in winning the Cross-Country Competition, the Upper School Athletic Sports and the Fives Cup.

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At the end of the Spring Term in inter-House Competitions Calverts were leading in the Dunton Shield and Games Shield contests, and Hendersons in the Upper School Work and Conduct Shield.

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Congratulations to all those boys who succeeded in passing their School Certificate examination last December. They have the distinction of being the last candidates to succeed under the old system, since the new School Leaving Certificate, with a fixed age limit, comes into operation this June.

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Congratulations also to the 17 members of the S.S.U. who gained the British Red Cross Society's Certificate in Elementary First Aid at an examination held at the School in March. All members of the class were successful.

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The Annual School Carol Service, led by the School Choir, conducted by Dr. McLellan, took place in the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on 20th December, 1949. It was attended by a large congregation of parents and friends.

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The School Choir and Orchestra, supported by a number of solo instrumentalists—particularly pianists—gave a very pleasing concert in the School Hall just before Christmas.

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The Choir, now numbering 80 boys and masters, will visit Eton College Chapel on 15th June to take part, as last year, in the special festival service for Public School Choirs arranged by the Royal School of Church Music.

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The Dramatic Society gave a very creditable presentation of Ben Jonson's play, "The Alchemist," in the School Hall, on 26th, 27th and 28th January. Mr. Moody was the producer.

For the first time in the history of the School the Annual Dinner of the Old Haberdashers' Club took place in the School Hall, on Saturday, 4th February, at the invitation of the Headmaster. It proved a most popular and successful innovation so that the experiment is likely to be repeated in the near future.

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On Wednesday, 8th, March the Headmaster, accompanied by three members of the staff and five members of the Modern Sixth, attended a reception at the Royal Academy, at the invitation of the Franco-British Society, in honour of the President of France, M. Vincent Auriol, and Madame Auriol.

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Field Day for the C.C.F. and S.S.U. will be Friday, 16th June.

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The special Confirmation Service for members of the School who have been prepared by the Chaplain, the Rev. A. S. Taylor, will take place at the Church of S. Francis of Assisi, Gladstone Park, on Thursday, 6th July, at 8 p.m. The Bishop of Willesden will officiate, and parents and friends of the candidates are invited to attend.

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Speech Day will, this year, be celebrated at the School, on Monday, 10th July, at 2.30 p.m. The prizes will be presented by Sir George Aylwen, a former Lord Mayor of London.

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The School Swimming Gala will, as usual, be held in the Marshall Street Baths, off Regent Street, W.1, on Friday, 14th July, at 9.15 a.m. Admission will be by ticket only, obtainable from Mr. W. H. Crossman at the School.

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Lower School Sports will take place at Chase Lodge, on Saturday, 22nd July, commencing at 2.15 p.m. It is hoped that a large crowd of parents and friends of the School will attend.

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The final event of the Summer Term will be the School Dance, which will take place in the Hall, on Saturday, 22nd July.

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During August the Annual Harvest Camp will be held at Cadbury, Somerset, under the supervision of Mr. H. C. Oliver.

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Mr. J. F. Cooper will be conducting a small party to Austria during the latter half of August, touring the Eastern Tyrol and visiting Salzburg amongst other places.

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The Summer Term ends on Wednesday, 26th July, and the Autumn Term commences on Wednesday, 20th September and ends on 20th December.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT NOTES

At the beginning of the Christmas Term we welcomed two new members of the Staff—Miss Geddie and Mrs. Witney—and 26 new boys. D. W. Walker was appointed Head Boy, C. C. Bartlett, Deputy Head Boy, J. G. Boon, Games Captain—and these three, with A. K. Painter, became the four House Captains of St. George's, St. David's, St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's, respectively. M. Devine, J. P. Turner, S. P. Chalfen and J. R. Bustard were appointed House Vice-Captains and D. G. Wilson, R. J. Grayson, T. H. Boss and A. J. Newton, House Games Captains. The inter-House Competition developed almost at once into a stern struggle between St. Andrew's and St. George's, the winners and runners-up respectively of last year's competition. The position of the four Houses at the end of the Spring Term reflects how close the contest still is. St. Andrew's have 10,550 points, St. George's 10,070, St. David's 8,160 and St. Patrick's 6,785.

During the two winter terms a full programme of football has been completed. The Preparatory Department XI, captained by J. G. Boon, have had a very good season, winning 8 out of 13 matches. Of the matches lost, two were very narrow defeats. Only once—against Belmont, on their ground—were we outplayed, but we had our revenge at the end of the season. Football Colours were re-awarded to J. G. Boon, and awarded to A. J. Newton, D. L. Stern, J. R. Bustard, T. Lount, D. G. Wilson, D. W. Walker, S. P. Chalfen and R. J. Grayson. The complete table of results is as follows :—

Played 13.	Won 8.	Drawn 0.	Lost 5.	Goals : For 44 ; Against 18.
Hendon Preparatory School	...	Home	...	Won 9—0
Westcroft	...	Home	...	Won 7—0
Belmont	...	Away	...	Lost 0—3
Highwood School	...	Home	...	Won 8—0
Hendon Preparatory School	...	Away	...	Won 1—0
Lower School Ex-Prep.	...	Home	...	Won 3—1
The Hall	...	Away	...	Lost 0—1
Westcroft	...	Away	...	Won 4—0
The Hall	...	Home	...	Lost 2—4
Hendon Preparatory School	...	Home	...	Won 4—1
Belmont	...	Home	...	Lost 1—3
Lower School Ex-Prep.	...	Away	...	Lost 1—2
Belmont	...	Home	...	Won 4—3

One Second XI match against Highwood School Under 11 XI was drawn, 1—1, and one Junior XI match against Westcroft Junior XI was won, 1—0. House matches were played in both terms, those before Christmas on a league, and those since on a knockout basis. Each House thus played five matches; and St. Andrew's, by winning four, retained the Football Cup. St. George's won three matches, St. Patrick's two, and St. David's one. Several younger players, notably M. G. Ewer, P. W. Bollingham and J. Coombes, were prominent in these House matches and their form suggests that we may have another good side next season, although

J. G. Boon, who apart from scoring 14 goals for the XI has played exceptionally well throughout the season, will be greatly missed.

At the end of the Christmas Term a number of enjoyable functions took place. The Christmas Party was on 9th December, and not only the whole Department, but also the 21 boys who entered the Lower School from the Department last September, were present. After an excellent tea, a hectic programme of games was followed by a film show which despite occasional technical hitches was much enjoyed by boys and staff alike. During the evening the Headmaster and Mrs. Taylor, and Mr. Oliver, were able to join us. Once again Mr. Cooper most generously stayed for the whole time, giving invaluable help. We are all extremely indebted to him, not only for his help on this occasion, but for numberless other kindnesses. On 19th December form plays were presented and thoroughly enjoyed by everybody. The costumes were especially appreciated. On the following day the older boys of the Department attended the School Carol Service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and a number of younger boys attended with their parents. D. W. Walker read one of the lessons in the service. Our own end-of-term Carol Service, which Miss Geddie and Miss Arnott arranged, was held on 21st December, the last day of term.

The Spring Term seems to have been no less active. On 23rd March, a parents' meeting was held at Westbere Road at which parents had an opportunity of meeting individual members of the Staff, and of asking questions relating to the work of the Department as a whole. During the latter part of the term, form outings to the Geffrye Museum (Forms III and IV) and to the Natural History Museum (Forms I and II) were arranged. The entrance examination to the Department was on 31st March, and about 120 candidates attended. At the same time a number of our boys were taking the main school entrance examination at Westbere Road. A House Singing Competition was won by St. George's. We were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Adams (née Miss Baker), who kindly acted as adjudicator. She was also able, with Mrs. Stille, to visit us for the Christmas Party. D. G. Wilson won a prize in the Children's Newspaper General Knowledge Competition, no mean achievement in view of the thousands of entries. We now have hopes of doing well in the Children's Newspaper Writing Competition. During the Christmas Term, charity amounted to £7 7s. 5d., and to £7 1s. 2d. in the Spring Term. In addition, due to the generosity of many boys in giving books, toys, games, clothing, etc., an Auction Sale was held on 4th April, resulting in a further sum of £7 0s. 0d., which brings the total collected so far this year to £21 8s. 7d.—an excellent result. Our gratitude is also particularly due to Mr. Hollingsworth for his film on South Africa, and to Mr. Goldman for his gift of various films of sports meetings over the past two years.

R. A. L.

LOWER SCHOOL NOTES

In September last we welcomed approximately ninety new boys, including a keen contingent from Chase Lodge, to take the place of those who left us to join the Upper School. Our new members soon settled down, and have taken as keen a part in the life of the Lower School as did their predecessors. The earlier term was one of good health but attendance in the Spring Term was interrupted by an epidemic of influenza which hit one form after another, resulting in an appreciable loss of school time for many boys. The House Shield for work and conduct was won in December by Strouts—Junior Captain, P. D. Darke; in the second term by Joblings, and received on behalf of his House by the Lower School Captain, M. Cleveland.

In games we had an almost uninterrupted first term, though we were less fortunate later. Several Lower School boys had the honour of representing their Houses in the Junior Rugger Competition. A pleasant innovation was a football match each term between the Preparatory Department and its last year's "Old Boys," each team winning one match. There was the usual keen entry in the competition for the Lower School Boxing Shield, won by Hendersons. In J. J. Hanson we have a promising boxer, and a most efficient Boxing Captain. Reports of the matches appear elsewhere in this number. We acknowledge again our debt to Mr. Hewson, and to the School Captain. A number of boys have had opportunities of playing tennis, and keen basket-ball contests have been played in the gymnasium at various times.

The Chess Club, Debating, and Natural History Societies have met regularly, and during the Spring Term the Stamp Club was revived to meet a keen demand. We are indebted to the boys who have acted as officers of these societies, and to those masters who have so kindly taken an interest in them. The National Savings Group now has about eighty members, with Mr. Matthews doing most of the work involved. School Charity contributions have amounted to about £40 in the two terms, with Ib the leading givers, followed by Is. As in previous years, a large part of the Choir in the Carol Service at St. Martin's came from the Lower School.

J. F. C.

JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

In the Junior House Competition, four boards were provided by each House. Out of a possible 60 games 51 were completed. Calverts—Deaner, Scott, Curtis and Weston—were worthy winners, with Joblings—Lipton, Cleveland, Humphrey and Waldman—runners up. The final positions were—Calverts $13\frac{1}{2}$, Joblings 12, Russells $8\frac{1}{2}$, Hendersons 8, Meadows $7\frac{1}{2}$, Strouts $1\frac{1}{2}$.

It is hoped that many Third Form members will continue to play next year in the Senior Chess Club.

D. I. B.

LOWER SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY

A very successful season was enjoyed. Though the number of debates was increased, quantity, far from impairing quality, increased it, and many enjoyable meetings were held, including a Tea and a Mock Election. The Tea was very successful, and it is hoped to repeat it. We should like to thank the members of the Committee, E. D. Humphrey and M. J. Long, those who have spoken in debate, and our more regular attendants. Finally, we should like to thank our patrons, Mr. Matthews and Mr. Craig, for their invaluable services.

C. G. HINGLEY, *President*.
M. LIPTON, *Secretary*.

LOWER SCHOOL NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society has had quite a successful run from September to April, and has heard a number of interesting talks from members of the Lower School. We are indebted to Mr. J. Farrand, father of two boys in the School, for an enjoyable illustrated lecture on "Bird Watching and Ringing"; and to J. C. Lord and the operators, A. R. B. Cloote and J. Hutchinson, who have made it possible for several R.S.P.B. and other films to be shown to us.

R. J. EASTERBROOK, *President*.
C. G. HINGLEY, *Secretary*.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

SPRING, 1950

THE CROSSMAN SHIELD FOR GAMES

1. Calverts	94 points.
2. Russells	66 "
3. Joblings	47 "
4. Strouts	39 "
5. Hendersons	38 "
6. Meadows	28 "

UPPER SCHOOL WORK AND CONDUCT SHIELD

1. Hendersons	929 points.
2. Meadows	885 "
3. Russells	842 "
4. Strouts	676 "
5. Joblings	653 "
6. Calverts	515 "

THE DUNTON SHIELD

1. Calverts	842 points.
2. Russells	743 "
3. Joblings	625 "
4. Hendersons	586 "
5. Strouts	568 "
6. Meadows	550 "

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1949-50

The season opened with victory (and that well earned) in a hard-fought game against Bedford Modern School. Hopes were high after so encouraging a beginning and there seemed every prospect that the First XV would again acquit itself with distinction. Such hopes were quickly falsified by three successive defeats. When all that was required was determination and a little opportunism to ensure victory, the side seemed unable to bestir itself and submitted almost tamely to defeat. On occasions, later, the standard of play was much more satisfactory, and the unsuccessful battle against Emanuel School was a joy to observe, thanks to the pace and skill of the play by both sides: no better football could be asked for and the side showed what it was capable of doing when it but chose to do it. Too often, however, lethargy was the hallmark of play by the whole team; the forwards were slow to break from the scrum, deployed poorly in attack and defence, and gave their opponents too much liberty to dictate play; the three-quarters rarely ran with real determination and all too frequently failed to back and cover up.

The redeeming feature of three-quarter play was the skill of the tackling, and J. F. Kingston and R. E. Partington are to be complimented on their improvement in this department. Behind them, H. Norman was ready to deal with any intruders whom they missed, and generally did competent work as full-back. The half-backs, M. J. Bovington and D. Davies, worked well in partnership, the former being a little slow and erratic in clearing the ball, but always steady and courageous in defence, while the latter was slow to dart through gaps in the opponent's defence and make use of his speed and swerve, though ready to use intelligent kicking ahead when unable to pass.

G. B. Morrison, B. E. Hind and B. J. Pinnell were the most lively of the forwards in the loose and all possess a sound defence. Other members of the pack also played keenly, but M. C. Golding did not really succeed in marshalling and inspiring his men despite his own enthusiasm. He must, however, be complimented on his conscientiousness as Captain of Rugby.

Prospects for the forthcoming season are not easily assessed. To judge by the keenness for the game which still prevails throughout the School, there is, however, no reason why the First XV and the other teams should not again have a satisfactory record during the coming autumn.

A list of First XV fixtures is appended. Parents are reminded that a warm welcome awaits them at Chase Lodge. Their presence and interest, like that of the School, are a great encouragement to the players, and their support this season, together with the kind assistance of Mr. Crossman and all other colleagues, is acknowledged with sincere appreciation.

W. F. B.

1st XV, 1949



BOXING COLOURS, 1950



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CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

We cannot look back on this season with the pride and satisfaction which we have felt in recent years. The prospects at the outset were not of the brightest, but it has been disappointing that match results have not been more creditable.

The First XV was weakened early in the season by the loss of R. M. Matthew from the forwards, and of J. E. Foster from the three-quarter line, and though after their departure there remained several effective players in the team, the latter did not combine well enough to produce that high standard of football which brought us such success last year.

The main weakness has been in the three-quarter line. Lack of experience and ability has resulted in few spectacular movements and little scoring, and G. D. N. Parker's skill as hooker has on too many occasions been frustrated by incompetence among the outsides.

As a pack, the forwards, led by M. C. Golding, have been generally lethargic, especially in the loose. Individuals, however, have occasionally distinguished themselves. B. E. Hind and B. J. Pinnell have played with real vigour and D. F. Gainsborough has shone in the line-out. Behind the scrum, H. Norman has played well during his first season at full-back, and the halves, M. J. Bovington and D. Davies, have combined well and played competently both in attack and defence, making good use of the kick ahead on many occasions. On the wing, R. E. Partington has been unlucky not to see more of the ball, and his defence has greatly improved.

The Second and Third XV's have had the same undistinguished record as the First XV. We can only hope that their lack of success is also only temporary.

In contrast, the Under-15 XV has shown considerable promise. Several young players should serve as very useful members of a future First XV, and restore the reputation so long enjoyed by School rugby. In this connection, I should like to impress upon those boys who are not actually in the teams, that School rugby sides are bound to play with greater energy if they have the interest and support of the School at all their matches.

I offer my sincere thanks to Mr. Barling for his unflagging help and the interest he has shown in all the teams, particularly the First XV; to Mr. Crossman and all the other members of the Staff who have once again so willingly helped us; and to Mr. Galley for his pitches which are worthier of finer rugby than they have seen this season.

M. C. GOLDING.

FIRST XV CHARACTERS

- GOLDING, M. C., 10 st. 7 lb. (*Captain*). A keen and useful wing-forward, but with a disinclination to shove in the scrums. He has not found his best form this season.
- MATTHEW, R. M., 11 st. 7 lb. (*Vice-Captain*). An industrious and effective forward, capable of making a devastating tackle. Useful participant in passing movements.
- BENNET, G. D. A., 10 st. 7 lb. A hard-working forward, keen in pursuit of the ball and generally well up in attack. He has a good defence.
- BOVINGTON, M. J., 10 st. 0 lb. A competent scrum-half with a solid defence and good relieving kick. His service is somewhat erratic and his play sometimes uninspired.
- DAVIES, D., 10 st. 7 lb. An improved stand-off half, now more enterprising and opportunist than at the beginning of the season. He has a good place-kick and punt.
- FOSTER, D. J., 10 st. 6 lb. A three-quarter with potentialities, both for attack and defence, but whose play has been much below standard this season.
- FREILICH, S., 10 st. 0 lb. A useful wing, lacking as yet in thrust and experience.
- GAINSBOROUGH, D. F., 12 st. 0 lb. A hard-working forward who has done good work in the line-out and rushes. He has a useful kick.
- HIND, B. E., 10 st. 9 lb. A plucky and energetic forward who has played with great keenness.
- KINGSTON, J. F., 10 st. 7 lb. A useful centre with an eye for an opening and a solid defence. His handling could improve.
- MORRISON, G. B., 10 st. 2 lb. A speedy and industrious forward who shows real promise and football sense. He has a sound tackle.
- NORMAN, H., 11 st. 4 lb. A competent full-back with real pluck and an improved sense of position. He could develop a good kick.
- PARKER, G. D. N., 9 st. 10 lb. He has hooked with real ability throughout the season and shows good promise.
- PARTINGTON, R. E., 12 st. 0 lb. A much-improved wing three-quarter. He has developed more thrust and a safer defence.
- PINNELL, B. J., 10 st. 0 lb. A versatile forward with real football ability. He tackles well and plays with vigour and intelligence.
- ANDREWS, M. W., DICKSON, A. J., FOSTER, J. E. and HALTRECHT, M., have also appeared in the First XV and have rendered able service on each occasion they have played.

SECOND XV

The Second XV has not achieved an impressive record this season. A total result of seven matches lost, only three won and one match drawn, cannot be described otherwise.

In spite of individual flashes of brilliance here and there, the team as a whole seemed to lack cohesion and thrust in many games, and the only match in which the necessary vigour and determination were shown was against the Old Boys.

In this game the necessary qualities were abundant throughout the afternoon, and on the performance of that day, the score of 8—27 by no means disgraced the team. Why, then, could not the team more often play up to that standard? It must be clearly understood by all, that a casual spirit and lack of determination

and alertness let down individuals, the side, and the game of Rugby Football.

Nevertheless, certain players have taken the field in a better frame of mind than that mentioned, and the captain, D. A. Lundie, has always set a good example in defence and whenever the ball reached him. B. R. Miller, on the other hand, is capable of great speed but is still too easily deterred, considering his size.

At fly-half, G. B. Jones has developed some thrust, but does not always make sure of his man—which, of course, is fatal. M. S. Lumsden at scrum half has played quite well and with his developing physique, gives great promise for next season.

Among the forwards, there have been some flashes of vigour, particularly by I. S. Maxwell, M. Haltrecht, J. P. Marson and G. P. Warren—but a pack simply must work as eight men, and this has not always been so.

It is hoped, therefore, that the players who constitute the Second XV of next year will endeavour to cultivate those qualities, the lack of which has inspired the above remarks.

T. E. C.

THIRD XV

G. N. Metcalfe has had a discouraging task this season, leading the Third XV. Results, especially in view of some of the heavy defeats, have been rather depressing. Yet, throughout the season, the side has played with evident enjoyment of the game and has acquired valuable experience. M. G. Max, coming into the side late, has developed into a useful full-back, and the halves and three-quarters have useful and promising players among them. J. T. Farrand's weight and speed should serve him in good stead later in a better team. The composition of the forwards has varied, as competition for places in the pack has been keen, but B. Sewell has done consistently useful service as hooker.

Success has been so slight for one simple reason: the game must be played with tireless energy as well as enjoyment if victory is to be won against stout opposition. Reluctance to play hard all the time and slowness to exploit advantages have lost the side many chances. This must not be the tale of the coming season.

COLTS XV

It has been a joy this season to watch the Under-15 XV play with such vigour and skill. The three-quarter movements have often been models of hard running, steady passing and good backing-up. I. S. R. White, now a mature player, has been a solid full-back in defence, but has often used his speed also in attack. At half-back,

A. M. Newton and J. N. Pollock, the captain, have combined well and kept the centres supplied with passes. The pack has on occasions lacked fire and cohesion, but the standard of loose-scrumming has been high. Quick heeling at vital moments has given the outsides the opportunity of scoring. J. N. Keen and M. J. Honey are to be complimented on their hard work in both tight and loose, and K. E. Harborow for his strong tackling. Indeed tackling has been of a high standard throughout the team and has done much to make play so attractive to watch from the touchline.

Much is expected next season and the season following from the members of this team. With experience, many of them should develop into competent footballers.

W. F. B.

TEAM MAKE-UPS

FIRST XV

*Norman, H.

†Freilich, S.

††Foster, D. J.

*Kingston, J. F.

*Partington, R. E.

*Davies, D.

*Bovington, M. J.

*Gainsborough, D. F.

*Parker, G. D. N.

***Matthew, R. M.

*Bennet, G. D. A.

*Hind, B. E.

*Pinnell, B. J.

*Morrison, G. B.

**Golding, M. C. (*Capt.*)

*Denotes First XV Colours.

SECOND XV

†Dickson, A. J.

†Miller, B. R.

†Lundie, D. A. (*Capt.*)

†Coles, R. C.

†Cullingford, D.

†Jones, G. B.

†Lumsden, M. S.

†Kimber, M. P.

†Marson, J. P.

†Warren, G. P.

†Howell, D. L.

†Andrews, M. W.

†Woolford, A. J.

††Haltrecht, M.

†Maxwell, I. S.

†Denotes First XXX Colours.

THIRD XV

Max, M. G.

Farrand, J. T.

Burgner, T. U.

Hughes, A. L.

Matthew, V. C.

Thomas, M. G.

Wild, N. E. M.

Ladd, P.

Sewell, B.

Price, G. W. G.

Freeman, M. M. R.

Goldberg, M.

Herd, P. S.

Cranger, B. C.

Metcalfe, G. N. (*Capt.*)

UNDER-15 XV

‡White, I. S. R.

‡Allwright, K. S. A.

‡Haynes, J. P. G.

Sholl, C. D.

‡Spatcher, D. N.

‡Pollock, J. N. (*Capt.*)

‡Newton, A. M.

Leverton, D. G.

Beaman, M.

Newton, M. O.

Newton, J. M.

Harborow, K. E.

Chamberlain, K. R.

‡Honey, J. N.

‡Keen, M. J.

‡Denotes Junior Colours.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

FIRST XV

					Points		Result
					For	Against	
1949							
1st Oct.	v.	Bedford Modern School	...	...	10	9	Won
12th "	v.	City of London School	...	...	6	11	Lost
15th "	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	...	...	14	16	Lost
22nd "	v.	St. Dunstan's College	...	...	5	12	Lost
26th "	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...	8	8	Draw
29th "	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	11	3	Won
2nd Nov.	v.	St. George's, Harpenden	...	...	11	0	Won
12th "	v.	St. Albans School	...	...	3	12	Lost
19th "	v.	Royal Masonic School	...	...	0	17	Lost
23rd "	v.	R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton	...	...	9	22	Lost
26th "	v.	Emanuel School	...	...	6	8	Lost
3rd Dec.	v.	Old Haberdashers' "A" XV	...	...	0	23	Lost
10th "	v.	Eltham College	...	...	3	12	Lost
17th "	v.	Mr. W. F. Barling's XV	...	...	9	9	Draw

SECOND XV

1st Oct.	v.	Bedford Modern School	...	...	0	29	Lost
8th "	v.	St. Olave's School	...	...	8	8	Draw
12th "	v.	City of London School	...	...	20	5	Won
15th "	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	...	...	0	11	Lost
22nd "	v.	St. Dunstan's College	...	...	8	0	Won
26th "	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...	9	3	Won
29th "	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	0	6	Lost
12th Nov.	v.	St. Albans School	...	...	0	12	Lost
26th "	v.	Emanuel School	...	...	6	14	Lost
3rd Dec.	v.	Old Haberdashers "Ex-A" XV	...	...	8	27	Lost
10th "	v.	Eltham College	...	...	3	8	Lost

THIRD XV

15th Oct.	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	...	...	3	37	Lost
22nd "	v.	St. Dunstan's College	...	...	3	6	Lost
26th "	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...	0	42	Lost
29th "	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	11	11	Draw
12th Nov.	v.	St. Albans School	...	...	0	34	Lost
19th "	v.	Royal Masonic School	...	...	25	0	Won
26th "	v.	Emanuel School	...	...	0	3	Lost
10th Dec.	v.	King's College School	...	...	0	15	Lost

COLTS XV

15th Oct.	v.	City of London School	...	...	24	3	Won
22nd "	v.	St. Dunstan's College	...	...	13	6	Won
26th "	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...	3	0	Won
29th "	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	6	9	Lost
12th Nov.	v.	St. Albans School	...	...	9	11	Lost
19th "	v.	Royal Masonic School	...	...	3	0	Won
26th "	v.	Emanuel School	...	...	3	29	Lost

ANALYSIS

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
First XV	14	3	9	2	95	162
Second XV	11	3	7	1	62	123
Third XV	8	1	6	1	42	148
Colts XV	7	4	3	—	61	58

HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITION

JUNIOR

1ST ROUND

Strouts	19 pts.	Meadows	9 pts.
Joblings	17 pts.	Russells	6 pts.

2ND ROUND

Hendersons	33 pts.	Strouts	15 pts.
Calverts	65 pts.	Joblings	0 pts.

FINAL ROUND

Calverts	17 pts.	Hendersons	8 pts.
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With fine weather and a soft pitch making conditions favourable, Calverts pressed early, but after five minutes a Hendersons' rush brought the first score. A drop-kick at goal by J. N. Pollock bounced of a defender straight to J. T. Farrand, who forced a try which W. K. Leonard converted. Soon, however, D. N. Spatcher burst through from the Hendersons' 25 to score a good try, I. S. R. White adding the goal points. Calverts continued to attack, and White landed an easy penalty for offside. Play swung from end to end, but there were few concerted movements and handling was uncertain on both sides.

M. Beaman was having the better of the set scrums, but once, when Calverts heeled in their own 25, the ball went quickly out to White, who outstripped the Hendersons' defence to touch down beneath the posts. He missed the kick himself, and half-time followed almost at once.

For the first 20 minutes of the second half it was all Calverts, but the standard of play deteriorated. D. J. Leverton sent Spatcher away from a loose scrum, and after a fine run the stand-off gave White a scoring pass. Shortly after, following a scrum near the line, D. J. Fulluck flung himself over for another unconverted try. An excellent rush by the Hendersons' pack ended with Leonard scoring in the corner, but with rain beginning to fall, the game faded out in a series of loose mauls.

Pollock deserves mention for some fine kicking, and J. N. Honey for determined rushing, while Spatcher ran hard and was easily the best back on the field. Generally, the game was hard-fought but scrappy, with Calverts worthy winners.

SENIOR

1ST ROUND

Russells	11 pts.	Meadows	0 pts.
Strouts	16 pts.	Hendersons	6 pts.

2ND ROUND

Joblings	33 pts.	Strouts	3 pts.
Calverts	26 pts.	Russells	0 pts.

FINAL ROUND

Calverts	15 pts.	Joblings	0 pts.
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The Final House Match resulted in a win for Calverts for the fourth year in succession, in spite of the fact that the much lighter Joblings' pack consistently heeled the ball in the set scrums.

Calverts kicked off into the slight breeze and for a time the game consisted mainly of loose scrums on or near the half-way line. Soon, however, there came a good movement by the Joblings' backs which broke down through a dropped pass only ten yards from the line. Shortly afterwards Joblings were awarded a penalty kick wide on the left just outside the Calverts' 25. The kick at goal was sliced and immediately a forward rush by Calverts relieved the pressure. Then a good run forwards the right by B. J. Pinnell, the Calverts' outside-half, followed by a kick-ahead which was misfielded, took play up to the Joblings' line. By now the Calverts' forwards were packing much lower and pushing much more strongly, but for Joblings M. C. Golding hooked consistently well. A penalty kick from near the touch-line on the left, by D. L. Howell, hit an upright and rebounded into play and a try would have resulted had a Joblings' man not touched down. Then, from a loose scrum near the Joblings' line, M. J. Bovington sent the ball out to G. E. Beckett who scored wide on the left. The kick at goal failed. From the kick-off a Joblings' movement with D. A. Lundie prominent ended in a dropped pass when a try seemed inevitable. So at half-time Calverts led by three points to nil.

The second half was all Calverts. First, a run by Pinnell, G. D. A. Bennet and I. S. Maxwell, nearly resulted in a try and, in the loose scrum that followed, M. G. Max, the Joblings' full-back, was injured and had to leave the field. Almost immediately from another loose scrum, Bennet dived over the line for a try which was not converted. Three other tries were scored in a similar manner by G. B. Morrison, Pinnell and Maxwell. The solitary Joblings' attack in this half came when Lundie ran strongly on the left and kicked ahead, but J. Bennet, the Calverts' full-back won the race for the touch-down. For Calverts, Howell and Morrison were always prominent in the loose, and for the losers Golding and M. Haltrecht in the pack and A. M. Newton and M. S. Lumsden at half-back did much hard work, but Calverts were worthy winners.

SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION

1ST ROUND

Meadows	5 pts.	Calverts	3 pts.
Russells	6 pts.	Strouts	3 pts.

2ND ROUND

Meadows	6 pts.	Hendersons	0 pts.
Joblings	3 pts.	Russells	0 pts.

FINAL ROUND

Meadows	11 pts.	Joblings	0 pts.
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The Final, played on an excellent day, marred only by a high wind, proved to be a closer game than the score suggests.

Meadows won the toss and decided to kick with the wind. The first exciting movement came from Meadows, as the ball travelled down the three-quarters to A. L. Hughes, who sped for the line, pursued by T. U. Burgner, only to overrun the dead-ball line.

Meadows had the better of the first half, due to the fact that the Joblings' three-quarters saw little of the ball, despite M. C. Golding's consistent heeling from the set scrums. The first score came when B. R. Miller kicked high across the field and outstripped the defence to score wide of the posts, D. F. Gainsborough converting.

The teams crossed over with the score 5—0. Joblings pressed fiercely from the start and were unfortunate not to score what seemed a certain try, through an offside in the dribble. Meadows retaliated and were rewarded with a penalty kick 20 yards in front of the posts, at which Gainsborough made no mistake. Joblings continued to press, but by now Meadows were well on top, and the game ended with a fine run of 75 yards by Hughes who scored in the corner. The kick was missed.

For the winners, Gainsborough, Miller, Hughes and B. Sewell were most prominent, and for the losers Golding, M. S. Lumsden and M. J. Thomas played hard.

Perhaps Meadows were a little fortunate to reach the Final, as, in the first round with Calverts, the latter missed two kicks in front of the posts. Thereafter, however, Meadows seized their opportunity, played with great keenness and ended worthy winners of the Competition.

FIRST XV FIXTURES, 1950

Saturday,	30th Sept.	...	...	v. Bedford Modern School	...	(Away)
"	7th Oct.	...	...	v. Whitgift Middle School	...	(Home)
Wednesday,	11th "	...	...	v. City of London School	...	(Away)
Saturday,	14th "	...	...	v. Queen Elizabeth G.S.	...	(Home)
"	21st "	...	...	v. St. Dunstan's College	...	(Home)
Wednesday,	25th "	...	...	v. Berkhamsted School	...	(Away)
Saturday,	28th "	...	...	v. Bancroft's School	...	(Away)
"	11th Nov.	...	...	v. R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton	...	(Home)
"	18th "	...	...	v. St. Albans School	...	(Away)
Wednesday,	22nd "	...	...	v. St. George's School	...	(Away)
Saturday,	25th "	...	...	v. Emanuel School	...	(Home)
"	2nd Dec.	...	...	v. Old Haberdashers	...	(Home)
Wednesday,	6th "	...	...	v. Royal Masonic School	...	(Away)
Saturday,	8th "	...	...	v. Eltham College	...	(Home)
"	16th "	...	...	v. W. F. Barling's XV	...	(Home)

EXAMINATION RESULTS

GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, DECEMBER, 1949.

SUPPLEMENTARY CERTIFICATES

In Latin : A. J. Dickson, J. A. Mathews, J. P. Simons, G. A. Ward.

In French, Oral and Written : N. W. Fruen.

In Art : A. T. Williams.

QUALIFIED FOR MATRICULATION

D. Cullingford, P. S. Robson, P. E. J. Taylor.

OBTAINED GENERAL SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

J. H. Bennet, D. M. Bromige, N. J. Dicks, P. W. Harris, D. L. Howell,
D. R. Ingledew, D. J. Maconachie, J. S. Piggott, G. W. G. Price, P. D. Sugg,
N. E. M. Wild.

BOXING

UPPER SCHOOL

The boxing season began with the Upper School House competition which attracted a large entry and produced many keenly fought contests. The finalists were all evenly matched and in most cases only a very small margin of points separated winner from loser.

RESULTS

JUNIOR

Under 6 st.	0 lb.	Hewson (R.) beat White (S.)
„ 7 st.	0 lb.	Fulluck (C.) beat Burgess (C.)
„ 7 st.	7 lb.	Martin (M.) beat Kloss (S.)
„ 8 st.	0 lb.	Hunter (M.) beat Baker (M.)
„ 8 st.	5 lb.	Newton, J. (J.) beat Haynes (S.)
„ 8 st.	10 lb.	Newton, M. (R.) beat Newton, A. (J.)
„ 10 st.	0 lb.	Silvey (M.) beat Couch (J.)

SENIOR

Under 9 st.	0 lb.	Bennet, J. (C.) w.o. Bennett, B. W. (R.)
„ 10 st.	0 lb.	Freilich (H.) beat Cullingford (M.)
„ 10 st.	7 lb.	Pinnell (C.) beat Jones (H.)
Over 10 st.	7 lb.	Andrews (R.) beat Lansmere (C.)

HOUSE POINTS

Calverts	45	Meadows	22
Russells	45	Joblings	21
Hendersons	28	Strouts	19

The following boys were later selected to box in School matches, the number in brackets after each name indicating the number of contests boxed during the season.

M. J. Baker (1), M. Beaman (1), G. D. Bennet (2), J. H. Bennet (4), B. W. Bennett (1), J. M. Burgess (2), H. E. Couch (1), D. Cullingford (3), P. J. Foot (2), D. J. Foster (5), S. Freilich (3), D. J. Fulluck (2), F. L. Gardner (3), B. F. Hunter (2), G. B. Jones (2), G. M. Kloss (3), D. M. Martin (3), M. G. Max (4), A. M. Newton (4), J. M. Newton (5), M. O. Newton (3), B. J. Pinnell (4), J. N. Pollock (1), P. J. Rickman (2), G. H. Silvey (2), C. W. Turner (1).

COLOURS

Full colours : *Re-awarded to* G. B. Jones (Captain of Boxing), G. D. Bennet (Vice-Captain), S. Freilich, B. J. Pinnell.

New awards to D. J. Foster.

Half colours : *Re-awarded to* J. H. Bennet, D. Cullingford.

New awards to M. G. Max, A. M. Newton, J. M. Newton, M. O. Newton.

The Club is most grateful to Mr. C. R. Thompson who officiated as referee at all our home matches. We were indeed fortunate that so eminent and capable a referee was willing to devote to us so much of his valuable time. We should like also to express our thanks to Dr. A. B. Leakey, who refereed our House Finals, to the Captain of Oxford University Boxing Club, Mr. R. Severn, who officiated at our match with the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle, to Mr. Dudderidge, who has put in much hard work for the Club and to Mr. Thomas and Mr. Parsons, who have also assisted us during the season.

MATCH REPORTS

v. City of London School, 1st February (home).

Our first match revealed a certain lack of ring experience and a hesitation to take the initiative. We lost many of the bouts in the lighter weights mainly because of this, although Gardner, Kloss and Hunter were only narrowly defeated. In the heavier weights, Foster, by hitting incorrectly, failed to make the most of his strong punch, while Pinnell, over-confident, attacked with his guard down and was laid low. Max boxed well to win a close contest.

Result :	School	7 wins
	<i>City of London School</i>	5 wins

v. St. Paul's School "A" Team, 6th February (home).

The team for this match included a large proportion of boys at the lighter weights. Pangalos boxed well to win his first contest and B. W. Bennett who had not boxed for two years, showed that he had retained his skill and punch. It was unfortunate that both Turner and Pollock had to retire hurt after beginning so well. Cullingford and Rickman both boxed in good style, while Max, Beaman and Fulluck are to be congratulated on their sound boxing against strong opponents.

Result :	School	5 wins
	<i>St. Paul's School</i>	11 wins

v. Wimbledon College, 15th February (away).

Our opponents were, without exception, hard punchers and experienced boxers and gave us a series of close bouts. J. Newton's aggression brought him victory over a strong opponent; on the other hand, the retiring tactics of Hunter and J. Bennet brought them defeat. Cullingford's boxing showed great improvement in style, while Foster and Pinnell, both punching more correctly, quickly disposed of their opponents.

Result :	School	5 wins
	<i>Wimbledon College</i>	6 wins

v. Brighton College, 22nd February (home).

Regular training and previous contests resulted in a great all-round improvement. Gardner and Kloss attacked strongly, while J. Newton was too fast for his experienced opponent. Silvey employed a good left lead, but would do well to cultivate a strong right hand punch in addition. Pinnell's crisp hitting won him his bout in the first round and Jones outboxed a strong, but clumsy opponent.

Result :	School	7 wins
	<i>Brighton College</i>	2 wins

v. Merchant Taylor's School, 8th March (home).

It was unfortunate that sickness on both sides reduced the number of bouts originally arranged, for the eight bouts of the match were very keenly contested. Ward, Darke and Lidyard were recruited from the Lower School to box in the lighter weights and all three acquitted themselves well. J. Newton's aggression again won him his bout, while A. Newton boxed skilfully and in a determined manner to win his. Foster outpunched his opponent. Freilich nearly outpunched himself and although declared the winner, was quite exhausted at the end of the third round.

Result :	School	5 wins
	<i>Merchant Taylors' School</i>	3 wins

v. Royal Grammar School, Newcastle, 27th March (home).

In our last match of the season we were opposed to a finely-trained team of boxers. Hanson fought bravely and skilfully against a stronger boy and lost by the narrowest of margins. Gardner showed good style, but was not strong enough for his opponent. A. M. Newton carried the fight to his man and won well, while J. M. Newton, a little too eager to get to grips, ran into heavy counter punches. M. O. Newton displayed good ringcraft and accurate punching. J. H. Bennet, after winning the first round, allowed his opponent to gain the advantage later. Pinnell and Freilich both put up good displays

against older and more experienced opponents, while Foster was unfortunate to run into a heavy punch in the first round. G. D. Bennet began well but failed to follow up his advantage. Max boxed neatly to win a good contest and Jones outboxed his heavier opponent. This match, undoubtedly, produced the best display of boxing seen in the gymnasium for many years.

Result: School 4 wins
R.G.S.N. 8 wins

LOWER SCHOOL

Over a hundred boys competed in the Lower School Boxing Competition and all competitors showed that they had reached a sound elementary standard

Under 12 RESULTS Under 13

Under :—

5 st. 0 lb. Allen (S.) beat Grover (M.)	Hill (S.) beat Clifford (M.)
5 st. 7 lb. Gaunt (J.) beat Clark (S.)	White (R.) beat Arnold (M.)
6 st. 0 lb. Stoddard (H.) beat Hersey (R.)	Stark (H.) beat Horne (J.)
6 st. 7 lb. Bysher (S.) beat Hoskin (C.)	Groom (C.) beat Baker (J.)
7 st. 0 lb. White (S.) beat Butler (R.)	Hanson (H.) beat Rowlinson (H.)
7 st. 7 lb. Goldman (C.) beat Sholl (H.)	—
8 st. 0 lb. Nourse (J.) beat Lewis (H.)	Waldman (J.) beat Robbins (R.)

Under 14

Under 6 st. 0 lb. Ward (C.) beat Darke (S.)
 „ 7 st. 0 lb. Ovens (M.) beat Wheal (R.)
 „ 8 st. 0 lb. Davies (C.) beat Higgs (H.)
 „ 8 st. 7 lb. Pettet (S.) beat Cleveland (J.)
 „ 9 st. 7 lb. Bate (J.) beat Coe (H.)

HOUSE POINTS

Hendersons	64	Strouts	51
Calverts	52	Meadows	41
Joblings	52	Russells	33

Of the large number of boys who continued to attend practice after the House Competition, the following were selected to box in matches, the number in brackets after each name indicating the number of bouts taken part in during the season :—

C. G. Allen (3), J. E. Baker (1), B. R. Boatman (2), J. Brett (1), G. A. Butler (3), P. A. Bysher (2), C. Clark (1), H. J. Clifford (3), B. H. Coe (1), P. D. Darke (3), M. W. Fredman (1), B. M. Gaunt (2), A. J. Groom (2), J. J. Hanson (5), A. A. Hersey (1), D. M. Higgs (1), D. A. Hill (3), B. D. Horne (3), J. H. Horrocks (1), R. J. Humby (1), S. R. Lidyard (3), R. F. Ovens (1), M. J. Pankhurst (1), A. J. Pettet (2), H. G. Purchase (2), J. Ridge (1), R. Rowlinson (4), B. A. Stark (3), C. V. Stern (3), P. J. Stoddard (1), D. J. Ward (4), M. S. White (2), J. W. Willis (1).

We are grateful to Captain W. R. Crowther of A.A. Command who kindly refereed our home match. A special word of praise is due to the Lower School boxing captain, J. J. Hanson, who set his team a good example by winning all his matches, and whose enthusiastic leadership was most encouraging.

COLOURS

Ribbon colours: *Re-awarded to* J. J. Hanson (Captain), P. D. Darke, A. J. Pettet, R. Rowlinson, D. J. Ward.

New awards to C. G. Allen, G. A. Butler, S. R. Lidyard, B. A. Stark.

MATCH REPORTS

2. *City of London School*, 3rd February (away).

A team of 17 boys, many boxing for the first time, took part in a closely-contested match. All boxed well, particularly Hanson, Rowlinson, Bysher, Allen and Ovens, who displayed great courage against a strong opponent.

Result: School 8 wins
City of London School 9 wins

v. *John Fisher School*, 11th February (away).

The opposing team were all hard-hitting and aggressive fighters and, with the exception of Horrocks, our beginners, although boxing on the right lines, all suffered defeat. Hanson, Stark and Allen, who had more experience were, however, able to cope with such tactics. It is important to remember that a sound style is the first essential to good boxing and that later development depends upon correct groundwork.

Result :	School	4 wins
	<i>John Fisher School</i>	10 wins

v. *Wimbledon College*, 15th February (home).

Our beginners, who lacked ring experience, started off rather shakily, although Gaunt and Clark did well. Our more experienced boxers, with a succession of wins by Butler, Ward, Lidyard, Darke, Rowlinson and Hanson, evened things up to give us a draw.

Result :	School	6 wins
	<i>Wimbledon College</i>	6 wins

v. *Colet Court*, 2nd March (away).

Opposed by a team of strong boxers, we had a series of close bouts. Clifford boxed pluckily against a heavier opponent; Boatman and White, M.S., in their first contests, displayed a sound and determined style, while Fredman and Baker, also boxing for the first time, showed great courage.

Result :	School	5 wins
	<i>Colet Court</i>	7 wins

v. *Dulwich College Preparatory School*, 9th March (away).

The standard of boxing in this match was high. Clifford, Allen, Boatman and Stark boxed in good style. Butler showed he had a hard punch, while Rowlinson made good use of his long reach. Both White and Martin did well against strong boxer-fighters; Fulluck boxed strongly to win a good bout; and Hanson's determination and hard punching proved too much for his opponent.

Result :	School	7 wins
	<i>Dulwich College Prep.</i>	6 wins

R. W. H.

The above notes would never be complete without a word of praise to Mr. Hewson. Few people realise the enormous amount of work that is put into the running of School Boxing, and especially the care that is taken in matching boys for inter-School contests. On behalf of the Boxing Club, I should like to express to Mr. Hewson our sincerest thanks.

G. B. J.

THE BOXING CHAMPION

When very young I oft was told,
My conduct should be good, but bold,
And now to years of twelve I've come,
A hooking right I land on some !
In spite of this I haste to say,
No laurels fair have come my way,
For other schools have chanced to find
Opponents of a kindred mind !

D. G. BANCROFT, 3a.

ATHLETICS

The Upper School Sports were held at Chase Lodge on Saturday, 1st April, watched by an encouraging and appreciative crowd which included a good number of Old Boys. Right at the start, a study of the points gained by Houses from Standards made it obvious that there would be a close fight for the Championship.

The weather held fair and some good performances were achieved, notably the Junior Javelin throw of 133 ft. 9½ ins. which was only two feet below the Senior result.

Once again the organisation ran so smoothly that by the end of the afternoon events were being run ahead of schedule. The result of the House Championship was in doubt right up to the end, but Russells, gaining places in three of the four relay races, finally emerged the winners with the high score of 194 points. Calverts were runners-up with 184½ points.

As one who took part in the last event of the afternoon, I do not think I can do better than quote from the Captain's report of 1938: "The last event of the afternoon . . . was the tug-of-war between Russells and Strouts; the full strain of the second agonisingly long heave can only be realised by those who took part in it, but for everybody who saw it, Russells' victory over Strouts was a thrilling finish to an exciting afternoon."

M. W. ANDREWS, *Captain of Athletics.*

THE UPPER SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

Saturday, 1st April, 1950

1. One Mile, Jun. ... 1st—Leonard (H); 2nd—Silvey (M); 3rd—Keen (C); 4th—Harrington (J); 5th—Jones, M. E. G. (S); 6th—Hall (R).
2. One Mile, Sen. ... 1st—Woolford (R); 2nd—Jones, D. (C); 3rd—Blackburn (H); 4th—Jarrett (M); 5th—Darke (S); 6th—Newton, J. M. (J). *Time: 5 min. 9.2 secs.*
3. High Jump, Sen. 1st—Andrews (R); 2nd—Pearce (J); 3rd—Dickson (S); 4th—Davies (C); 5th—Gaze (M); 6th—Jones, G. B. (H). *Height: 5 ft. 1 in.*
4. Long Jump, Jun. 1st—Silvey (M), Supran (S); 3rd—Oeters (J); 4th—Farrand (H), Glass (R); 6th—Crombie (C); *Distance: 15 ft. 8½ in.*
5. Throwing the Discuss, Sen. ... 1st—Davies (C); 2nd—Gaze (M); 3rd—Dickson (S); 4th—Golding (J); 5th—Andrews (R) 6th—Freilich (H). *Distance: 90 ft. 8 in.*
6. Throwing the Discuss, Jun. ... 1st—Bennet-Smith (H); 2nd—Shiells (J); 3rd—Robbins (R); 4th—Beckley (S); 5th—Foot (C) 6th—Spencer (M). *Distance: 85 ft. 4 in.*
7. 100 yds., Jun. ... 1st—Lumsden (J); 2nd—Honey (C); 3rd—Allwright (R); 4th—Brockbank (H); 5th—Downing (M); 6th—Supran (S). *Time: 11.6 secs.*
8. 100 yds., Sen. ... 1st—Miller (M); 2nd—Partington (S); 3rd—Marson (H); 4th—Pinnell (C); 5th—Golding (J); 6th—Robson (R). *Time: 10.8 secs.*

9. 880 yds., Jun. ... 1st—Foot (C) ; 2nd—Hall (R) ; 3rd—Warren (M) ;
4th—Farrand (H) ; 5th—Jones (S) ; 6th—Newton,
J. M. (J). *Time* : 2 mins. 23.2 secs.
10. 880 yds., Sen. ... 1st—Taylor, P. (R) ; 2nd—Jarrett (M) ; 3rd—
Jones, D. A. (C) ; 4th—Bartlett (S) ; 5th—
Blackburn (H) ; 6th—Ladd (J). *Time* : 2 mins.
15.6 secs.
11. Long Jump, Sen. 1st—Partington (S) ; 2nd—Wise (M) ; 3rd—
Pearce (J) ; 4th—Marson (H) ; 5th—Pinnell (C) ;
6th—Levin (R). *Distance* : 18 ft. 1 in.
12. High Jump, Jun. 1st—Skrimshire (C) ; 2nd—Brockbank (H) ; 3rd—
Thomas (J) ; 4th—Freeman (R) ; 5th—Beckley
(S) ; 6th—Warren (M). *Height* : 4 ft. 7 in.
13. 440 yds., Jun. ... 1st—Silvey (M) ; 2nd—Leonard (H) ; 3rd—Herd
(R) ; 4th—Bancroft (J) ; 5th—Phillips (C) ; 6th—
Parker (S). *Time* : 62 secs.
14. 440 yds., Sen. ... 1st—Freilich (H) ; 2nd—Andrews (R) ; 3rd—
Metcalf (M) ; 4th—Morrison (C) ; 5th—Darke (S) ;
6th—Ladd (J). *Time* : 58.2 secs.
15. Javelin, Sen. ... 1st—Sugg (M) ; 2nd—Norman (R) ; 3rd—Pinnell
(C) ; 4th—Bartlett (S) ; 5th—Jones, G. B. (H) ;
6th—Golding (J). *Distance* : 135 ft. 6 in.
16. Putting the Shot,
Jun. 1st—Martin (M) ; 2nd—Parker (S) ; 3rd—Bennet-
Smith (H) ; 4th—Lumsden (J) ; 5th—Honey (C) ;
6th—Harris (R). *Distance* : 27 ft. 8 in.
17. 220 yds., Jun. ... 1st—Lumsden (J) ; 2nd—Matthews (C) ; 3rd—
Freeman (R) ; 4th—Leonard (H) ; 5th—Hunter
(M) ; 6th—Supran (S). *Time* : 28.8 secs.
18. 220 yds., Sen. ... 1st—Miller (M) ; 2nd—Freilich (H) ; 3rd—Foster
(S) ; 4th—Pinnell (C) ; 5th—Hurd (J) ; 6th—
Goldstone (R). *Time* : 25.4 secs.
19. Javelin, Jun. ... 1st—Bennet-Smith (H) ; 2nd—Parker (S) ; 3rd—
Bastin (M) ; 4th—Levertton (C) ; 5th—Simons (R) ;
6th—Oeters (J). *Distance* : 133 ft. 9½ in.
20. Putting the Shot,
Sen. 1st—Norman (R) ; 2nd—Freilich (H) ; 3rd—
Hughes, A. L. (M) ; 4th—Partington (S) ; 5th—
Davies (C) ; 6th—Haltrecht (J). *Distance* : 31 ft. 9 in.
21. Hurdles, Jun. ... 1st—Matthews (C) ; 2nd—Hunter (M) ; 3rd—
Lumsden (J) ; 4th—Brockbank (H) ; 5th—
Mansbridge (R). *Time* : 11.6 secs.
22. Hurdles, Sen. ... 1st—Golding (J) ; 2nd—Pinnell (C) ; 3rd—Marson
(H) ; 4th—Dickson (S) ; 5th—Pollard (M), Robson
(R). *Time* : 10.6 secs.
23. Relay, 4 x 110,
Jun. 1st—Calverts ; 2nd—Joblings ; 3rd—Strouts ; 4th
—Meadows ; 5th—Hendersons ; 6th—Russells.
Time : 54.8 secs.
24. Relay, 4 x 110,
Sen. 1st—Strouts ; 2nd—Russells ; 3rd—Hendersons ;
4th—Joblings ; 5th—Calverts. *Time* : 50.2 secs.
25. Medley Race, Jun. 1st—Meadows ; 2nd—Russells ; 3rd—Calverts ;
4th—Joblings ; 5th—Strouts ; 6th—Hendersons.
Time : 3 mins. 1.4 secs.
26. Medley Relay, Sen. 1st—Russells ; 2nd—Meadows ; 3rd—Strouts ; 4th
—Calverts ; 5th—Hendersons ; 6th—Joblings.
Time : 4 mins. 15.2 secs.
- Points for "Standard
times" Calverts, 70 ; Hendersons, 30 ; Joblings, 43 ;
Meadows, 45 ; Russells, 67 ; Strouts, 52.
- House Competition ... 1st—Russells, 194 ; 2nd—Calverts, 184½ ; 3rd—
Meadows, 164½ ; 4th—Strouts, 162½ ; 5th—
Joblings, 136½ ; 6th—Hendersons, 134.

BASKET BALL

Russells won the Senior League Championship on points average, despite the fact that they lost the last match of the series to the 1949 Champions, Joblings.

In the Junior Knock-Out Tournament, Strouts fully deserved to win and thus repeat their performance of last year.

The standard of play throughout both competitions was far higher than in previous years and the decision to limit the number of players to four (plus substitutes) helped in this direction. Players had more room in which to move and the game was accordingly faster and more open, and the inevitable result was that a far greater number of baskets were scored. In the Senior competition nearly twice the number of points were registered and in the Junior over three times the number as compared with 1949.

The most serious fundamental defects in the play were the failure of most players to jump for the ball off the backboard and to receive the ball whilst on the move. In both respects most of the Senior players could learn a great deal from some of the Juniors and, apart from this, their intelligent constructive play suggests that our basket ball will continue to improve and to remain one of the most popular School sports.

D. F. C. T.

SENIOR LEAGUE						
House	Matches Played	Matches Won	Matches Lost	Points For	Points Against	Final Position
Russells	5	4	1	172	91	1
Joblings	5	4	1	161	97	2
Calverts	5	3	2	126	107	3
Meadows	5	3	2	133	117	4
Strouts	5	1	4	88	195	5
Hendersons	5	0	5	84	157	6

JUNIOR KNOCK-OUT TOURNAMENT				
	1st Round	2nd Round	Final	
Russells	bye			
Meadows				
Hendersons	Hendersons	Hendersons		
Joblings	29-6	34-25		
Calverts	Calverts	Strouts		
Strouts	30-22	27-11		
	bye			
				Strouts
				35-20

BOAT CLUB

There has been a general improvement in the rowing this Spring. Owing to the kindness of Quintin Boat Club in again giving us the use of their tank, the Fourth Forms have been able to put in some useful work with Mr. Sanderson, preparatory to tubbing. For the last two or three weeks it has been possible to put out a Fourth Form Eight. The Fifth and Sixth Forms have been out regularly and form two Eights and six tub pairs. During the Spring we lost two members of the 1st Eight and because of this it was not possible to put in two crews for the Head of the River.

For this event, which was rowed on 18th March, the first crew put in some intensive training, and made great improvement. Their performance in the race was very creditable, giving them fourth place out of an entry of seventeen.

This term there will be a full programme of league matches and regattas. If the present improvement is maintained, we may look forward with some hope to a measure of success in these events.

Recently an offer has been made by some parents of boys in the Boat Club, to start a subscription to provide funds for the purchase of a shell Eight. We cannot say how grateful we are to these public-spirited parents. The possession of such a boat would be a tremendous incentive to members of the Club to improve their rowing.

R. K.

CAPTAIN'S NOTES

Last term was primarily devoted to training the School 1st Eight in preparation for the School's Head of the River and the summer league fixtures. Practices were held on all but one of the Wednesdays. As training intensified, Saturday morning practices were arranged, and it speaks well for the spirit of Club members that attendances have been excellent. The 1st Eight suffered a serious setback, when J. Nightingale, stroke, left school two weeks before half-term; after a complete reshuffle of the crew, training started again with A. R. B. Cloote moving from seven to stroke. This new crew soon settled down, and much useful work was done during the practices, though the crew is still temperamental, and lacks the necessary confidence in its own capabilities. The Eight improved considerably from the beginning of term, is now rowing as a complete unit, especially when racing, and at times justified its title of 1st Eight.

On 18th March, the 1st Eight represented the School in the Schools' Head of the River race, which was rowed between Barnes Bridge and Hammersmith Bridge. The Eight made an excellent start, and immediately increased the distance between itself and the following crews. This lead was maintained over the first $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, but, as was feared, the crew lacked the stamina for the long course. Our final position, on timing, placed us fourth equal in the clinker division, in 8 mins. 39 secs., eight seconds behind the winners. I should especially like to mention our cox, M. Powell, who was an inspiration during a very trying half-hour before the start, and steered an almost perfect course in the race; and also Cloote, at stroke, who maintained a steady length over the course. Though not as successful as last year, the crew shows great promise for the summer league fixtures. It was decided not to enter a 2nd Eight in this year's Head of the River, as the present crew is too light for the long course.

By way of summing up, I should like to thank all the 1st Eight for their support, and especially the reserves who have often spent Saturday mornings watching the crew set off on a practice, with no prospect of rowing themselves ; and, finally, I should like to thank Mr. Keevil and Mr. Sanderson for their guidance and interest, and especially Mr. Keevil, for the work he has put into coaching a very raw Eight.

I. M. G.

The following represented the School in the Head of the River Race :
A. Mayoss, B. W. Bennett, S. P. Simons, P. Lawson, D. R. S. Harper,
J. Manwaring, I. M. Gloinson, A. R. B. Cloote, M. Powell.

CRICKET

FIRST XI FIXTURES, 1950

Saturday,	6th May	...	...	v. Eltham College	...	...	(Home)
Wednesday,	10th "	...	...	v. Chigwell School	...	...	(Away)
Saturday,	13th "	...	...	v. St. Dunstan's College	...	...	(Home)
Wednesday,	17th "	...	...	v. Brondesbury C.C.	...	...	(Away)
Saturday,	20th "	...	...	v. City of London School	...	...	(Away)
Wednesday,	24th "	...	...	v. M.C.C.	...	...	(Home)
Saturday,	27th "	...	...	v. H.A.C.	...	...	(Home)
"	3rd June	...	...	v. Bancroft's School	...	...	(Away)
Wednesday,	7th "	...	...	v. St. Alban's School	...	...	(Home)
Saturday,	10th "	...	...	v. Queen Elizabeth's G.S.	...	...	(Away)
Wednesday,	14th "	...	...	v. Mill Hill Village C.C.	...	...	(Home)
Saturday,	17th "	...	...	v. Emanuel School	...	...	(Away)
"	24th "	...	...	v. Royal Masonic School	...	...	(Home)
"	1st July	...	...	v. Nomads C.C.	...	...	(Home)
"	8th "	...	...	v. Old Haberdashers	...	...	(Home)

CROSS-COUNTRY

This has been the best season in School cross-country for some years, and this has been due partly to the introduction of a new course which can, in places, be called "cross-country," and partly due to the keen interest shown by Mr. Hickman, who has been in charge of the organising of this sport this year.

Despite the fact that "rugger" interfered with the early races, we came 13th out of 29 in the Highgate Harriers' Inter-Schools race and 17th in the Ranelagh Harriers' race. School individual positions were :—

Highgate (total 260) : 46th, Jones, D. A. ; 62nd, Darke ; 65th, Cox ; 76th, Bromige ; and 97th, Grabow.

Ranelagh (total 116) : 45th, Taylor ; 77th, Jones, D. A. ; 97th, Jarrett ; 98th, Grabow ; 99th, Cox ; 107th, Darke.

On Wednesday, 1st March, a strong team ran against Emanuel School at Chase Lodge. Although Taylor and Woolford came in first equal, we lost the race by the narrow margin of 37 points to 41 points.

The following Saturday the first six of the School received bronze medals for securing third place out of 12 for the School in

the Southgate Harriers Inter-Schools' Championship. Placings were : 5th, Taylor ; 11th, Woolford ; 23rd, Jones, D. A. ; 42nd, Darke ; 44th, Grabow.

The season ended with the School coming eighth in the Orion Harriers' race. The four to count were : 21st, Woolford ; 23rd, Taylor ; 25th, Keen ; and 32nd, Jones, D. A.

I should like to conclude by thanking Mr. Hickman for all the hard work he has done for the sport, and also P. J. Cox for his secretarial work.

A. J. WOOLFORD, *Capt. of Cross-Country.*

The following have run for the School this season : Woolford (Capt.)**, Taylor, P. E. J.*, Jones, D. A.*, Bartlett, Bennet, G. D. A., Blackburn, Bromige, Cox, Darke, Grabow, Jarrett, Keen, Ingledew, Spencer, Turner.

* *School Colours.*

RESULTS OF SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY RACES, 1950

JUNIOR RACE

1, Keen (C) ; 2, Harrington (J) ; 3, Herd (R) ; 4, Jones, M. E. G. (S) ; 5, Hall (R) ; 6, Leonard (H) ; 7, Allwright (R) ; 8, Skrimshire (C) ; 9, Brown, D. A. (R) ; 10, Newton, J. M. (J) ; 11, Walker (S) ; 12, Shrimpton (C) ; 13, O'Brien (S) ; 14, Harborow (M) ; 15, Milligan (J) ; 16, Brockbank (H) ; 17, Turner (R) ; 18, Read (H) ; 19, Grabow (R) ; 20, Hunter (M) ; 21, Farrand (H) ; 22, Smails (S) ; 23, Shiells (J) ; 24, Newton, A. M. (J) ; 25, Fulluck (C) ; 26, Martin, A. S. (M) ; 27, Merritt (C) ; 28, Borin (S) ; 29, Lumsden (J) ; 30, Bennett-Smith (H) ; 31, Laws (H) ; 32, Matthews (C) ; 33, Kloss (S) ; 34, Bastin, E. R. (M).

The first 32 runners arrived within the standard time of 22 minutes. The winner's time was 18 minutes 11 seconds. The result of the House Team Race was : 1, Russells (3, 5, 7, 9)—24 ; 2, Calverts (1, 8, 12, 25)—46 ; 3, Joblings (2, 10, 15, 23) and Strouts (4, 11, 13, 22)—50 ; 5, Hendersons (6, 16, 18, 21)—61 ; 6, Meadows (14, 20, 26, 34)—94.

In the qualifying run, in addition to the 32 above, the following also completed the course in the standard time : *Calverts* : Elliott, Foot, Hughes, A. P., Leverton, Pangalos, Phillips, Reader, Spatcher, Tymms ; *Hendersons* : Boost, Foskett, Goad, Scruton, Sholl ; *Joblings* : Bancroft, Boulton, Duke, Hood, Hughes, J. G., Oeters, Rickwood, Sarner, Taylor, A. J. ; *Meadows* : Baker, M. J., Beck, Kent, Kipps, Neale, Rutter, Sugg ; *Russells* : Fruen, Harris, D. J., Huntley, Michael, Newton, M. O., Tiller ; *Strouts* : Baty, McLaren, Nash, Parker, G. D. M., Priestley, Supran, Ullmann.

SENIOR RACE

1, Woolford (R) ; 2, Taylor, P. E. (R) ; 3, Jones, D. A. (C) ; 4, Bartlett (S) ; 5, Darke (S) ; 6, Grabow, M. J. (R) ; 7, Jarrett (M) ; 8, Bennet (C) ; 9, Sewell (M) ; 10, Andrews (R) ; 11, Pollard (M) ; 12, Jones, G. B. (H) ; 13, Ladd (J) ; 14, Lundie (J) ; 15, Gaze (M) ; 16, Turner (H) ; 17, Blackburn (H) ; 18, Ingledew (R) ; 19, Beckley (S) ; 20, Gibson (S) ; 21, Back (H) ; 22, Abbott (H), Cooper (M) ; 24, Willetts (R) ; 25, Hurd (J) ; 26, Goodman (C) ; 27, Morrison (C) ; 28, Pinnell (C) ; 29, Metcalfe (M) ; 30, Dickson (S) ; 31, Golding (J) ; 32, Freilich (H) ; 33, Maxwell (C) ; 34, Mievill (J) ; 35, Wren (J).

The first 31 runners arrived within the standard time of 30 minutes. The winner's time was 23 minutes 28 seconds. The result of the House Team Race was : 1, Russells (1, 2, 6, 10)—19 ; 2, Meadows (7, 9, 11, 15)—42 ; 3, Strouts (4, 5, 19, 20)—48 ; 4, Calverts (3, 8, 26, 27)—64 ; 5, Hendersons (12, 16, 17, 21)—66 ; 6, Joblings (13, 14, 25, 31)—83.

In addition to the 31 above, in the qualifying run the following also completed the course in the standard time: *Calverts*: Beckett, Bennet, Bovington, Harris, P. W.; *Hendersons*: Beal, Postle, Wild; *Joblings*: Bramson; *Meadows*: Bausor, Fine, Gainsborough; *Russells*: Crampton, Dancer, Hutchinson, Levin, Maconachie, I, Robson, Smith, J. U. M., Taylor, J. C.; *Strouts*: Foster, Partington.

LITTLEFIELD CUP

1, Russells, 17; 2, Strouts, 79; 3, Calverts, 85; 4, Hendersons, 108; 5, Joblings, 113; 6, Meadows, 117.

FIVES

Fives has once again taken its place as a minor sport in the School, and the senior boys have given it enthusiastic support. Nearly every Wednesday afternoon in the Autumn and Spring Terms has been devoted to practice by the regular players (of whom the most promising are Tunkel and Risby); and a number of boys unable to play then have frequented the courts during the lunch hour. Despite the general lack of experience, a House tournament was arranged in the Spring Term. The teams played with commendable promptness and remarkable zeal, and Russells succeeded in winning. Considerable talent was revealed by these games, and thus the season was fittingly concluded with a match against a team from Alleyn's, the School being represented by Lundie, Jones, G. B., Goldberg and Wilkins.

We can look forward to the future with considerable hope that Fives will flourish greatly. Only more support from the Fifth Form—at present somewhat disdainful—and from other forms as they rise in the School, is needed to create a high standard of play. Certainly, no less will be a suitable reward for Mr. Matthews, whose help this year, as always, has been unflagging and ever-cheerful. I offer him my sincere thanks.

D. J. WILKINS, *Captain of Fives*.

TENNIS CLUB

School tennis has continued to increase in strength and popularity. At the beginning of the Autumn term, plans were put into operation for building up a really strong team for the 1950 season, and more than twenty keen and promising players have received regular coaching on Wednesday afternoons from Mr. Howard Byrne, the professional coach of the Heathfield Club, to whom we have again been indebted for the use of their courts. As a result, we have at least ten really useful players from whom the School VI will be chosen. Three of last year's team are still available, Robson, Freilich, S. and Jones, G. B., although Jones is likely to be fully occupied with cricket this summer; whilst Supran, who was runner-up in the Middlesex County Junior (Under 15) Championships last year, should prove a valuable acquisition to this year's team. The

Public Schools' L.T.A. Coaching grant has been applied for so that, with Mr. Byrne's help, additional coaching will be given during the Summer Term to all boys likely to represent the School in tournaments.

The longest fixture list we have ever had will provide at least one match a week with other schools and clubs throughout the Summer Term, and the Club has entered again for the Public Schools' Glanvill Cup Competition and the Public Schools' Wimbledon Week championships for the Yule Cup. Club members will also be encouraged to enter for the Public Schools' Individual Championships and local and county tournaments.

Whilst Wednesday afternoons have, of necessity, been restricted to about thirty players, almost every fine lunch hour throughout the Autumn and Spring Terms has seen the School courts in use for the benefit of about sixty other members of the Upper School and some twenty members of the Lower School. A special lunch-hour club was formed, with senior and junior sections, early in the autumn, and its membership has grown steadily so that two hard courts are now inadequate to meet the needs of all those desiring to play regularly, and it is necessary to ration play to about half-an-hour per boy every ten days. The lunch-hour club is, however, doing valuable service in bringing on the younger enthusiasts and in revealing promising talent amongst boys who are normally busy with rugby or cricket on Wednesday afternoons. It should prove a useful nursery for future School and House teams.

Inter-House Championships in both singles and doubles will be played off during the summer, and a junior tournament will be introduced for the first time. It is also hoped to run a special tournament for the lunch-hour club.

FIXTURE LIST, 1950

Wednesday,	10th May	...	...	v. Brighton College	...	...	(Away)
"	17th "	...	...	v. City of London School	...	...	(Home)
Friday,	19th "	...	...	v. Heathfield L.T.C.	...	...	(Home)
Wednesday,	24th "	...	...	v. Old Haberdashers	...	...	(Home)
"	31st "	...	...	v. Westminster School	...	...	(Away)
Friday,	2nd June	...	...	Glanvill Cup, 1st Round, v. U.C.S., Harrow County School and Kilburn Grammar School	...	...	(Away)
Wednesday,	7th "	...	...	v. St. Paul's School	...	...	(Home)
"	14th "	...	...	v. Emanuel School	...	...	(Away)
"	21st "	...	...	v. Highgate School	...	...	(Away)
Saturday,	1st July	...	...	v. Highgate School	...	...	(Home)
Wednesday,	12th "	...	...	v. Royal Masonic School	...	...	(Away)
Monday,	17th "	...	...	v. Heathfield L.T.C.	...	...	(Away)
Wednesday,	19th "	...	...	v. Old Haberdashers	...	...	(Home)
Saturday,	22nd "	...	...	v. Berkhamsted School	...	...	(Home)
Tuesday,	1st Aug.	...	...	Public Schools Wimbledon Week—Yule Cup	...	...	(Away)

LITERARY COMPETITION, 1950

PRIZE-WINNING ENTRIES

SECTION I.—VI FORMS

PRO MALVOLIO

If you have ever indulged in gossip, you may have noticed that, to judge by hearsay, there are very many completely mean, selfish and inconsiderate people in this world. And yet, how seldom one meets them in the flesh! My point is this: it is unsafe to rely on people's adverse criticism of their acquaintances. Too often do they put wrong interpretations upon the actions and words of others because of their own failings or selfish preoccupations.

Upon this observation I intend to base the first part of my argument. I claim that not only were earlier critics wrong to consider only the characters in Shakespeare's plays, but that they also were wrong in this consideration. The belief that Falstaff was a coward was proved false long ago. I now intend to explode another myth—that Malvolio was a Puritan, predominantly selfish. This idea originated largely in certain opinions expressed by other characters in the play. Then his own words and action were misrepresented to fit the theory.

His first words are a complaint about the Fool, which Olivia foolishly attributes to bad humour and "self-love." Then, after his interruption of the revelry in the drinking scene, Sir Toby, Sir Andrew and Feste, incensed against him, accept Maria's spiteful opinion of him. "The devil a puritan that he is . . . an affection'd ass that cons state without book, and utters it by great swarths." Later, Olivia says: "Where is Malvolio? He is sad and civil . . ."

And so, on the evidence of these two women, has grown up a completely false picture. The one dislikes him for spoiling her licentious fun; the other is preoccupied with her own emotions. They both observe his subdued, rather strange, behaviour, but fail to grasp its deeper implications.

Malvolio lives in a dream-world of his own. His dream is of acting and the theatre. His faithfulness to his mistress, however, will not allow him to leave her and follow his great ambition to act. Note his resignation to her service. "What Ho! Malvolio!" "Here, madam, at your service . . ." "Hie thee, Malvolio." "Madam, I will." For, after all, as we shall see later, he loves Olivia. Who would not be "sad and civil," if one's passion for acting were frustrated by one's love for a woman?

Now, for the positive evidence. His previously-mentioned disapproval of the Fool is sufficient proof of a high standard of dramatic criticism. The Fool is quite a good fool, but not good enough for Malvolio. Again notice that he complains not of fools but of "these set kind of fools." He objects to unoriginality in

clowning. Olivia comments : " You are sick of self-love, Malvolio." He is sick, it is true, but with frustrated ambition.

The drinking scene furnishes further proof of his dislike of bad performances. His objection is to the bad singing. I very much doubt whether drunken Sir Toby and his friends did " keep time in their catches " as he claims. " This is much credit to you," cries Malvolio, referring, of course, to their atrocious singing and parodying of contemporary plays.

Maria's observation of him " conning state without book and uttering it by great swarths," is a vivid detail describing the drama-loving Malvolio, preparing for the career for which he still hopes. It is the inquisitive Maria again who sees him " practising behaviour to his shadow." What he is barred from doing on the stage, he practises in Olivia's garden, unfortunately not free from prying eyes, as later just before finding the letter.

Here we may see the other fact which disproves the old idea of a puritanical Malvolio. He loves Olivia, as we may see from his behaviour before and after reading the letter. The extravagances, both sartorial and dramatic, which appear so unlikely in a Puritan, are exactly what we might expect from a lover both of a woman and of the theatre. Sir Toby and his hangers-on purport to take his ecstasy for madness, but that is, of course, merely a malicious trick.

Final proof that Malvolio is by no means the mere butt of Toby's coarse humour is given by his appearance in Act V. His imagined hopes gone, he is deflated, but nevertheless, in recognition of his worth Shakespeare gives him a magnificent, almost tragic, final exit, and an apology from Olivia.

" He hath been notoriously abused."

Moreover this abuse has continued until the present time, in fact up to the publication of this article. It will now cease, I hope, for good.

W. F. CORPE, *Via Mod.*

SECTION II.—MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE END

The few, ill-equipped rebels who remained were encamped at the foot of a great mountain in a region of bog and marsh, where only tropical creatures lived in comfort and where many soldiers died at Nature's hands. Above them rose the unscalable cliff of the mountain's north face and around them was the forest. Around them also, but a little more distant, lay the King's mighty army, whose splendid armour shone like silver foliage in the wood.

For years previously the King had ruled cruelly and tyrannically until, at last, a group of young men, who had studied abroad and tasted freedom, organised a rebellion. At first, the revolt had found the King unprepared and the younger generation had driven the Royal Family from their capital and nearly out of their country.

However, gradually, the best of Europe's mercenaries had been gathered together on the King's side and had forced the rebels back. Fierce fighting had gone on and the lovers of freedom had lost nearly everything except their great courage.

Now these gallant men were surrounded and the end seemed certain to come soon. However, they found the camp easy to hold because of the protecting cliffs and marshes, and the end was delayed. Then, hunger became an ally of the cruel monarchists and the rebels, tired by the previous hard battles, sick with malaria and with their lack of success, now suffered from empty stomachs. The few pack-horses they possessed were killed and roasted, but the meat, besides being almost uneatable, lasted for but a short time.

Finally it was decided that half a dozen picked men should seek food behind the enemy lines. They set off one night and glided silently past the confident army in the wood. Then they went to the farm of a sympathiser where the farmer, Ferdinand, supplied them with bread, meat and wine.

Once again the foragers entered the wood. By now the moon was up and the swampy tracts between the trees reflected its weird paleness. The insects of the wood screamed and croaked as if sleep was not one of their possessions, and ahead of the exhausted heroes gleamed the cheerful fires of their own camp.

Suddenly one of them stumbled into a bog and, as he sank, he screamed for help. Immediately the enemy was awakened and, rushing from their tents, they fell upon the five brave rebels who, hampered by the loads of provisions, died more quickly than the poor fellow in the bog whose screams arose above the clash of steel. The food was seized and the King's soldiers went back to bed with visions of a feast on the morrow.

In the rebel camp the soldiers had heard the noise of the skirmish and had guessed its dreadful significance. Losing heart for the first time, they did not bother to go back to sleep but waited for the morning and, with it, the inevitable end.

Next morning the monarchists breakfasted sumptuously on the captured food while, in the camp below the cliff, the only activity was depression and the only feeling, fear. The end was at hand. Gloomily the rebels stared at the trees and waited for the attack.

The attack never came because the King's men were lying on the damp earth, their stomachs inflamed and their hearts stopped. Ferdinand had been faithful to his King after all and the end had come.

J. M. NEWTON, 5s.

SECTION III.—JUNIOR SCHOOL
TO A DEAD WORLD, 1980

Nay, thou shalt not in dead men's countries dwell ;
Not solely in Plutonian underworld,
Where Cerebus, the Hellhound, guards his Hell—
A place through which Spring's spirit never whirled !
No, Ghost of Earth, who light, as dark, hast seen,
Ne'er will eternal darkness prison thee,
Where flowers grew, where plants and birds have been,
Though now wiped out by War's futility.
Thou wilt rush on ! Though life and hope are dead,
Thou still dost circumnavigate the Sun ;
Though none are on thee, to be warmed, and wed
To solar centres. On ! thy night begun !
On thee, there are no more to live or die ;
To marry, to be born, to children bear ;
Thou art wiped out, by Horror from the sky,
In Man's self-trapping, all-destroying snare.

M. LIPSON, 3s.

THE ALCHEMIST

A Satirical Comedy

by

Ben Jonson

(1573-1637)

Presented by the Dramatic Society

CHARACTERS

SUBTLE—THE ALCHEMIST	W. F. Corpe
FACE—THE HOUSEKEEPER	T. U. Burgner
DOL COMMON—THEIR COLLEAGUE	R. E. Jefford
DAPPER—A LAWYER'S CLERK	G. A. Wilson
DRUGGER—A TOBACCO-MAN	G. B. Binding
LOVEWIT—MASTER OF THE HOUSE	A. J. Dickson
SIR EPICURE MAMMON—A RICH KNIGHT	M. Goldberg
PERTINAX SURLY—A GAMESTER	D. A. Lundie
TRIBULATION WHOLESOME—A PASTOR OF AMSTERDAM	M. W. Hawgood
ANANIAS—A DEACON OF AMSTERDAM	A. Mayoss
KASTRILL—A WEALTHY YOUNG YEOMAN	D. C. Langmead
DAME PLIANT—HIS SISTER, A WIDOW	R. J. Way
NEIGHBOURS	K. J. Crombie, V. A. Barker P. A. Skinner, J. O. Herzog
A CONSTABLE	P. J. Beales
PROMPTER	M. J. Keen
PROPERTIES	G. P. Warren, G. B. Morrison
CALL BOY	R. Horne
ELECTRICIANS	P. F. Jackson, D. Beck, M. S. Cook
STAGE HANDS	D. L. Howell, J. G. Kilroy, M. S. Lumsden
EFFECTS	A. T. Williams, D. A. Harling, V. Tunkel
STAGE CARPENTRY	G. C. Hickman, Esq., P. A. Skinner and others
SCENE PAINTING	R. Keevil, Esq., D. L. Gillespie, P. C. Pearson
COSTUMES	G. D. West, Esq., B. W. R. Bennett
MAKE-UP	G. C. Hickman, Esq., H. Warren, Esq., and others

Produced by H. L. B. MOODY, Esq.



"THE ALCHEMIST"

Photo by Craine, Roche & Co.

This year's choice of play by the Dramatic Society was an unusual but excellent one for a school production, as it required relatively little in the way of complicated sets or dramatic movement, both being difficult to achieve on a school stage. The attraction of "The Alchemist," lies in its satirical wit and richly extravagant text, which give considerable scope to young actors with a feeling for words as well as action. The play is a satire on the abuse of alchemy, the medieval science which sought to discover the Elixir of Life and the Philosopher's Stone that would transmute base metals into gold. In the belief in this science lay many opportunities for the unscrupulous trickster to deceive and cheat the gullible.

The action of the play is set in 1610 in London, during a visitation of the Plague. Lovewit, a wealthy merchant, has left London for the country, and in his absence, Face, his servant, has lent the house to Subtle, a thorough rogue and charlatan, who claims not only to be about to discover the Philosopher's Stone, but who is also not above other sharp practices, such as fortune telling and astrology. Face, and Subtle's accomplice, Dol Common, act as decoys to bring numerous clients to Lovewit's house, including Dapper, a lawyer's clerk, Drugger, a tobacco man and Sir Epicure Mammon, a rich knight, all hoping to profit from Subtle's "experiments." There are others too; Kastrill, a wealthy young yeoman, with his sister, Dame Pliant, a widow, Tribulation Wholesome, a pastor and Ananias, a fervent deacon, of Amsterdam, and Pertinax Surly, a gamester, who, arriving with Sir Epicure, is immediately suspicious of Subtle and Face, and plans to bring about Subtle's discomfiture, eventually achieved by the totally unexpected return of Lovewit from the country.

The attraction of this production lay in its zest and vitality. W. F. Corpe as Subtle and T. U. Burgner, as Face, made a couple of amusing and plausible rogues. There was not perhaps sufficient variety in Corpe's acting, and he is still inclined to intone his words, while Burgner's mature acting and good voice were somewhat marred by irrelevant and excessive grimacing. R. E. Jefford made a most creditable effort as Dol Common, and his scenes with Sir Epicure were excellently contrived. He was, however, in appearance and voice a little too respectable for the part. M. Goldberg played Sir Epicure most realistically. Physically and vocally he was admirably cast. G. A. Wilson, as Dapper, gave an outstanding and sympathetic performance, and G. B. Binding moved and spoke most pleasingly as Drugger. The two churchmen, Tribulation Wholesome and Ananias, played by M. W. Hawgood and A. Mayoss, were amusingly worldly and fanatical respectively. Hawgood's voice was particularly well suited to his part, but Mayoss came perilously near to burlesque. D. C. Langmead as Kastrill was appropriately loud and brusque, but R. J. Way as his sister was rather too boyishly youthful, and obviously handicapped by an

unsuitable wig and hat. A. J. Dickson portrayed Lovewit with overmuch infirmity—surely his appearance called for a more robust performance. D. A. Lundie as Pertinax Surly, a rôle which did not give him great scope, was convincing in his Spanish disguise, although, perhaps, a little too static in his conception of the part as a whole.

The make-up and costuming on the whole were good, and the excellent scenery and stage settings reflected great credit on those responsible. In all, it was a most pleasing and enjoyable production and the producer, Mr. Moody, and the whole of the cast and helpers are to be sincerely congratulated.

R. A. L.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT

The parents and friends who filled the hall on 14th December enjoyed a programme of music ranging in style from the polyphony of Orlando Gibbons to the "impressionism" of Debussy.

Much credit goes to all those who took part, and a noteworthy feature was the playing of the orchestra, whose opening Minuet by Mozart at once repaid the many hours spent in combined and individual rehearsal. In this, and in subsequent works, it was pleasing to hear the robust tones of the growing brass section giving support to the now well-established strings and woodwind, and the players, strengthened by some outside help, gave us a creditable performance.

The School Choir effectively sang two examples of English Church music, thereby showing their proficiency in both polyphonic and modern music; and if the massive chords of the latter sometimes suggested a need for more tenors and basses, the counterpoint of Gibbons gave to all parts an equal opportunity for some expressive singing.

Of the piano soloists, who occupied a generous share of the programme, it is impossible to single out more than a few, although the playing maintained a good level throughout, and praise goes to the younger pianists who faced a public performance with confidence. Debussy's "Clair de Lune" was sympathetically played by L. Fine, who also did good work in the orchestra; an "Arabesque" by the same composer received sensitive treatment at the hands of J. S. Weiss, and J. E. C. Williams gave us the first movement of Grieg's Sonata, which was much appreciated.

Especially welcome was a movement from a Flute Concerto, in which R. C. Fine, with J. S. Weiss at the piano, ably captured the spirit of the music; a violin solo competently played by D. A. Downing; and a vocal solo contributed by A. F. Fuelling.

It was unfortunate that the organ should be out of action for some weeks until the day of the concert, thus precluding rehearsal. However, when A. Mayoss nobly decided to play his two solos we were able to hear a Prelude and Fugue by Bach and an Intermezzo by Thiman.

The programme ended with Purcell's " Bell Anthem," tellingly performed by the combined choir and orchestra under the direction of Dr. McLellan, from whose guidance and ministration the concert derived so much of its success.

PROGRAMME

GOD SAVE THE KING

Minuet from Symphony in G minor	<i>Mozart</i>
THE ORCHESTRA	
Piano Soli : Prelude in C minor	<i>Chopin</i>
Sonata in C major	<i>Mozart</i>
A. HUDSON	
Piano Soli : Waltz	<i>Dyson</i>
Prelude in F	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
D. WALKER	
Vocal Solo : " Where'er You Walk "	<i>Handel</i>
A. F. FUELLING	
Piano Solo : Allegro Grazioso	<i>Thomas Dunhill</i>
A. G. SAVAGE	
Piano Solo : Allegro in G	<i>Handel</i>
N. C. CEDAR	
Violin Solo : Allegro	<i>Fiacco</i>
D. A. DOWNING	
Piano Soli : Caprice	<i>Alec Rowley</i>
Wedding Day at Trolldhungen	<i>Grieg</i>
E. J. O'BRIEN	
" O Lord, Increase My Faith "	<i>Orlando Gibbons</i>
" Greater Love Hath No Man "	<i>John Ireland</i>

THE CHOIR

Andante from Symphony No. 35	<i>Hadyn</i>
Gavotte from " Ottone "	<i>Handel</i>
THE ORCHESTRA	
Piano Soli : Study F minor	<i>Cramer</i>
Berceuse	<i>Grieg</i>
J. H. ROUTLEY	
Piano Soli : Minuet and Trio from Sonata in B flat	<i>Schubert</i>
Irish Song	<i>Arthur Alexander</i>
A. J. RIDOUT	
Flute and Piano : Last Movement from Concerto No. 2 for Flute	<i>Mozart</i>
R. C. FINE—Flute	
J. S. WEISS—Piano	
Piano Solo : Praeludium	<i>G. S. Carbonelli</i>
M. SARNER	
Piano Soli : Clair de Lune	<i>Debussy</i>
Fantasia in D minor	<i>Mozart</i>
L. FINE	
Organ Soli : Prelude and Fugue in B flat	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
Intermezzo on Wareham	<i>Eric Thiman</i>
A. MAYOSS	
Piano Solo : First Movement from Sonata in E minor	<i>Grieg</i>
J. E. C. W. WILLIAMS	
Piano Solo : Arabesque No. 2	<i>Debussy</i>
J. S. WEISS	
" Rejoice in the Lord " (Bell Anthem)	<i>Purcell</i>
CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA	

C.E.W.C. EASTER CONFERENCE

It was in the large modern building of the William Ellis School that the London District Council of the C.E.W.C. chose to hold its Easter Conference. The weather was very inclement throughout, but in spite of this the attendance was good, although not so good as the attendance at last year's Easter Conference. The title of the Conference was "South-East Asia and its Future," but this by no means restricted the scope, since nearly all Asia was discussed at one time or another.

The Conference commenced with a talk by Mr. Arthur Ringwalt, First Secretary of the American Embassy, in charge of the Far Eastern Affairs Department. He spoke of American policy in China and the Far East during and since the War, and showed how the influence of the Western Powers had gradually declined during recent years, to be superseded by Russian influences, as the Communists gained power in China.

At the end of each lecture, the Conference divided up into discussion groups with about a score of people in each group. The object of the groups was to discuss the lecture and prepare two or three questions which would be put to the speaker when the Conference reassembled three-quarters of an hour later. Mr. Ringwalt stood up well to a barrage of searching questions at the end of the morning session.

In the afternoon, Lady Hosie, who was Chairman for that session, gave an introductory speech, in which she explained very carefully the symbolism embroidered in a Chinese silk gown which she was wearing. The lecturer, Gerald Samson, who was formerly one of Reuter's correspondents, talked on "China, Past and Present." He was obviously a very competent speaker, having travelled in China very recently, and also having had the advantage of interviewing some of the leading Communist officials in China. He stressed that the Nationalist Government had definitely not improved the position in China since the War, and that the Chinese took the attitude that things could not be worse under the Communist Regime. He also said that the Russians had definitely helped the Chinese Communists at the end of the war, by allowing them to take possession of large dumps of Japanese weapons in Northern China before the Russian Army had left there.

In the evening a number of films were shown, followed by a Social.

The following morning, Sir Francis Low, of *The Times of India*, gave a talk on the Indian sub-Continent. He explained very carefully the reason for the somewhat strained relations between India and Pakistan, and that a united India and Pakistan was and will be only a very remote possibility.

In the afternoon, J. J. S. Garner, Assistant Under-Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, gave an account of the Colombo Conference and also of his journey out there. Amongst other things he described an amusing episode when the chairman of the Colombo Conference, who was the Prime Minister of Ceylon, thought that the discussion was getting too heated. When this happened he would bang on his desk and say "Tea," and tea was promptly brought in and, consequently, everybody was soothed.

The Conference was concluded by a Brains Trust which consisted of representatives from India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon and Malaya. The answers were extremely good and one was surprised when the Question Master, who was Headmaster of William Ellis School, said that not one of the people in the team was speaking in his or her native tongue.

The Brains Trust was a superb conclusion to a very enjoyable Conference, which was organised by Mr. Campbell, and he must have put an enormous amount of work into it.

P. F. J.

THE LYCÉE CHAMPOLLION, GRENOBLE

[Mr. J. McNair, of the School modern language staff, is spending a year in France as a foreign assistant in the Lycée Champollion at Grenoble, and with the ready approval of the Proviseur of the Lycée and of our own Headmaster, and the co-operation of the respective School staffs, has initiated a liaison between the two Schools.

The first interchanges of individual letters and collective work have already been made and have aroused much interest on both sides.

From Grenoble Mr. McNair has sent us the following account of school life at the Lycée.]

The bell rings: it is five to eight, and the courtyard empties as boys move to the classroom doors to await in line the arrival of the "professeurs": boys of all sorts and sizes, dressed in all types of garments, from the "Canadienne" (a bulky fur-lined short overcoat with an enormous fur collar), to ski-suits, shorts or plus-fours, and aged from 10 to 22—even in each class the sizes vary to a surprising extent. As they wait, the surveillant, in the middle of the quad, keeps them comparatively quiet.

The eight o'clock bell goes now, and the professeurs make their way to the classrooms, each one unlocks his door, the boys file in and scramble to the back of the room to hang up their coats and get to their seats—the morning has begun. No assembly, no prayers—these things strike the English visitor most. It would be difficult anyway to hold an assembly of the 1,500 pupils since there is no school hall. The absence of cloakrooms is interesting too. The French school is really designed on the principle that no one wishes to stay at school a minute longer than he needs, so you keep your coat with you.

Starting work at eight o'clock is not so difficult as it sounds. There is compensation in a longer lunch break—from 12 to 2.0 p.m. since no self-respecting Frenchman—or boy—would either have lunch away from home or hurry over such an important function. Afternoon school is roughly from 2.0 to 4.0. Boarders or "internes", of whom there are about 500, have "étude" or prep in the evening. Timetables are difficult to compare with English ones, since quite often there are hours without a lesson, when the time is spent in "étude" or supervised private study. It seems likely though that the average Lycéen has to work harder than the average Haberdasher, and he suffers more if he is lazy. Detention is from 8.0 to 12.0 on Sunday morning—four hours for full detention, two hours for half detention.

Sports do exist—especially ski-ing, since Grenoble is a winter-sports centre, and the Lycée has its own teams for ski-ing, rugby and athletics which play against other clubs, but there is not the same enthusiasm for games as in an English school. In Grenoble, of course, most boys ski, and each Thursday pack themselves into the crowded buses going up to the mountains.

But school for most French schoolboys doesn't mean sport or societies, it means work, with a capital E for Examinations. The baccalaureat taken at the age of 17-18 is on the horizon from the earliest days at school. An arduous exam. it is too, with an oral exam. in each subject and only a 40 per cent chance of succeeding.

With it all, the boys seem to keep an interest in work, and English teaching has been most interesting. The scheme for correspondence between the School and the Lycée has occasioned great interest, and the classes which could not be matched were very disappointed. A class with which I am concerned was impressed by Four Upper's account of English school-life. Unfortunately the discussion which followed the reading of the Haberdashers' essays was so interesting that I was led to commit the almost classic mistake of trying to explain the game of cricket to the class. Their blank looks showed the same sort of incomprehension they tend to show when faced with a knotty point of English grammar, incomprehension turned into hysterical unbelief when I explained that first-class matches last not for an afternoon but for several days. So now when I am asked about cricket I point vaguely to a few photographs on the wall and say as little as possible.

Still, who knows? If the correspondence between the two schools prospers the day may come when the Lycée will beat a Haberdashers' team at cricket.

J. McNAIR.

SAAS FEE

The motor road from the mountain railway station ends at Saas Almagel, so we completed our journey to Saas Fee on sleighs. One sleigh overturned ; but Henry quickly emerged from the snow and rejoined the cavalcade.

Saas Fee is situated in a large cirque surrounded by mountains, many peaks rising to over 12,000 feet. After the highest of these, the Dom, which is also the highest Swiss mountain, our hotel was named.

The proprietor of the hotel, Herr Josef Supersaxo, welcomed us warmly and gave us such a great lunch that even the hungriest members of the party were defeated. This was in fact but the precursor of a succession of huge meals ; and later, as our appetites increased, we were able to do justice to the generous catering.

For the first three days the weather was perfect. The white peaks stood out brilliantly against the clear sky. Then, just as the snow was getting rather worn on the nursery slopes, we had two days snowfall which restored the surface and filled up the tell-tale hollows made by those who had sat down too hard and too often.

Our party was divided into two classes. Those who had ski-ed last year at Scheidegg were given advanced instruction under the very able guidance of Ambros Supersaxo. The beginners were coached patiently by Meinrad Bumann whose cheerful encouragement endeared him to all. Both our instructors expressed pleasure at our rapid progress which was marked by the promotion after a week of several of the beginners to the advanced class.

We ski-ed all day and every day, practising our turns and twists and other complicated (and often inadvertent) acrobatics. When we had finished ski-ing, the energetic ones skated on the village rink, while others visited the shops to buy ties and shirts that will brighten many a London home, chocolates, watches, nylons and other treasures.

Our usual bedtime was 10 p.m. ; but on New Year's Eve we organised a party which in addition to games, songs and exhibitions of skill, included two one act plays for which Herr Supersaxo combed the village for talent and which, to our great joy, we were able to understand thoroughly. We must record our thanks to the hotel management not only for their willing co-operation on this occasion, but for all the friendly help so kindly given during the whole of our holiday.

On the last day our ski-ers were put through the standard tests for the bronze and silver badges of the Swiss Ski School. Their successes were a tribute to the sound instruction they had received, seven boys gaining the silver badge and ten gaining the bronze. In the evening Herr Supersaxo arranged a farewell party for us at which the results were announced and consolation prizes awarded to those who had been unable to enter for the tests.

Accidents, of course, are likely to occur on any sort of holiday, and most of us had at one time or another some little ache or pain. Even Ambros, we regret to record, twisted his ankle on the last day. But long after the bruises and sprains have vanished there will remain the memory of a grand holiday in the sunshine and snow of one of the most picturesque mountain villages in Switzerland.

May I conclude by thanking all, and in particular Mr. Cooper, who contributed to the success of the holiday.

Members of the party (* denotes silver badge winner; † denotes bronze badge winner) :—

*M. W. Andrews, †G. Battson, †J. Biddle, †W. A. Cottrell, *B. M. Darke, C. P. Elliott, P. W. Ellson, †M. Ginn, *D. R. Harper, P. M. Harrington, †P. W. Harris, M. Henry, †M. D. Huntley, †C. Jarrett, D. J. Leverton, †D. L. Mansbridge, A. C. Michael, †H. Norman, *B. H. Priestley, N. Ridge, *J. A. Robbins, *P. S. Robson, †J. U. M. Smith, *A. J. Woolford.

R. W. H.

A SWISS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

How many people here realise that, over a mile above sea level, villages exist in which life carries on almost the same as in English villages? Of course, conditions are different, as is the nature of the work done, but the inhabitants do not differ in their ways from our villagers.

I have just spent a holiday in one of these mountain villages—Saas Fee, Switzerland—known to a few climbing and Winter Sport lovers from Travel Agency books, which usually discourage the “would-be” visitor by their account of the journey. The nearest railway station is ten miles away, from which one has to travel by mountain coach, finishing either by walking or by mule sleigh.

On arrival in the village, despite having just completed a long trans-continental train journey which is about as uncomfortable as one imagines a journey by stage-coach must have been two centuries ago, one is immediately startled by the splendour of the surrounding mountains, through which there seems no exit. The general layout of the village is not surprising at all, for there are various streets all leading to the centre where we find the church and the school. These streets, which we would call paths, are very narrow. There is no need for wider ones, because the mule is the best means of transport, that is, mule train in summer and mule sleigh in winter.

Sunday is a most interesting day for the visitor who happens to stroll near to the church, for at nine o'clock almost the entire village assembles for Mass. The men have actually discarded their ski jackets and pullovers and have replaced them with dark suits. The women all wear yellow head scarves but otherwise black from shawl to shoes. At ten o'clock all the men file out of church and group together waiting for the women to come out and go home. They then follow afterwards. Religion plays a large part in the life of the villager, and the church bells rule his life. They ring at six o'clock to tell him to get up and at midday to bring him in from the



A MORNING LESSON AT SAAS FEE

Photo by courtesy "The Daily Graphic"



Wolf Cubs of Churchill, Hudson Bay, Canada, with the igloo they have just built. R. Nourse (1s) in foreground, left.
Photo by courtesy of the Boy Scouts International Bureau. (Block loaned by the Geographical Magazine)

fields for dinner. At Christmas time all houses have beautiful cribs made of moss and straw in the corner of one of the rooms.

There is a small graveyard at the back of the church which happens to lie at the bottom of one of the steeper ski-nursery slopes, and it was always hoped during our stay in the village that someone would find himself in there (temporarily, of course).

Next to the church is the school which the children attend until they are fourteen. After that they can leave or go to a high school down in the valley. School is only open for six months in the winter. In the summer, the children have to work in the fields, for time has to be made up after the months of snow and also many men go as guides over the peaks of the mountains.

After dark the village is quiet except for perhaps the rumbling of an avalanche high in the mountains, or perhaps a family festivity. Maybe a few relations—for everyone seems to be related—will join together over a glass of wine. A youngster may pick up an accordion and everyone may dance. An extremely quick waltz is very popular and so is their own "one step", but dancing the Samba is banned by the church.

Ski-ing and climbing are the main sources of income in the village, so many men are both ski-teachers and mountain guides. The village will become more prosperous when it is connected to the outside world by the proposed motor road, but this will completely destroy the compactness and quaintness of the surroundings, and the poor old mules will have to climb even higher in search of lodgings.

The holiday ends all too soon and it is time to go home. As one leaves the village, the sun continues to glisten on the snow-covered mountains, the lovely church bells continue to ring out their messages over the valley and life continues in that easy, comfortable manner, typical of the Swiss. One can hardly believe that in a day's time, one will be in the middle of a London fog, with the irritating "hurly-burly" of industry in our ears.

A. J. WOOLFORD, *IVa Sci.*

SCOUTING AT FORT CHURCHILL

Fort Churchill is a large Canadian Arctic Military Base located on the western shore of the Hudson Bay near the mouth of the Churchill River, after which it is named. Besides being a modern military post it is a place of historical interest dating back to 1609, the date of its discovery by Jans Munck.

In 1946, with the re-opening of the base after the War, a Wolf Cub Pack was formed in the garrison for the benefit of boys between eight and twelve years of age. There were no boys over twelve at that time, and a Scout Troop was not formed until two

years later. All the Cubs were sons of Canadian or American servicemen and came from different parts of North America. I came with my parents from Vancouver in 1946 and joined the Pack as soon as it was formed.

There were many advantages in having a Pack in a military garrison. Equipment and extra clothing were supplied by the army, and army instructors taught us how to live outdoors in winter and summer, travel over the rough Arctic country, and camp cooking. Special Arctic films were shown, and we were often allowed to accompany short military expeditions, and to take part in garrison parades. The Eskimos taught us how to build igloos, like the one in the picture, and how to drive dog teams.

Much of the Pack's activities consisted of sports such as ice-skating, ice-curling, ski-ing, baseball, rugby, indoor bowling, and basketball. During the summer time there were fishing expeditions and white whale hunting, and in the autumn caribou and duck hunting parties.

The first summer camp was held on the north bank of the Churchill River near old Fort Prince of Wales. We were taken across the three mile wide river in army assault boats. A tribe of wild Cree Indians was camping nearby, so we made a gift of food as a friendly offering, and as the Crees could not speak English much sign language was used.

For the second camp, we travelled by air to Camp Opemikon in Ontario, where we joined one hundred boys from Ottawa for two weeks. The whole journey covered more than 3,500 miles by military aircraft.

Scouting, or at least, Cubbing, at Fort Churchill was, and still is, a grand adventure. ♦ R. NOURSE, ls.

TO A WELL-KNOWN HILL

(Without apologies to Keats)

Symbol of thirst and sweated frightfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the strength-sapping sun ;
Conspiring with him how to further less
The cause of struggles who Will's Grove-ward run ;
To bend exhausted the mud-spattered knees,
And fill the breast with dryness to the core ;
To swell the veins and plump the tired heart shells
With burst kernel ; to set throbbing more,
And still more heat-exploding brains, and tease
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Milesplit has o'er-brimm'd their dust-dry cells.

D. A. LUNDIE.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

H.Q. AND BASIC SECTION

With the completion of the new hut to accommodate the Orderly Room, the Stores and the Armoury, and with the formation in January of the Royal Naval Section, under the Command of Lieut. P. A. Dickson, the Combined Cadet Force has become an established unit.

Two platoons of recruits joined the Basic Section in September and are making rapid progress under Lieut. West and Sergeants Dickson and Lundie.

The following cadets passed Part I of the examination for Certificate "A" in December :—

K. S. Allwright, J. M. Bancroft, R. C. Barker, V. A. Barker, M. W. Bartlett, J. C. Baty, C. W. Breedon, K. J. Crombie, R. A. Cundy, J. A. Davidson, P. W. Ellson, T. H. Field, P. J. Foot, M. J. Foskett, C. R. Gates, J. M. Gibson, A. G. Glass, J. A. Grabow, P. H. Harrowell, D. J. Harris, J. P. Haynes, A. M. Henry, J. N. Honey, R. E. Hood, B. F. Hunter, M. J. Keen, D. C. Langmead, W. K. Leonard, P. P. Marino, J. A. Matthews, A. C. Michael, G. B. Morrison, A. M. Newton, J. M. Newton, M. O. Newton, B. F. Palmer, R. E. Quartermain, F. H. Read, G. D. Rogers, P. V. Savage, C. D. Sholl, G. H. Silvey, A. F. Sims, A. J. Skrimshire, W. P. Smails, H. P. Stark, J. B. Stephens, L. D. Supran, B. B. Taylor, M. J. Thomas, R. L. Thornton, G. P. Warren, R. J. Way, M. E. Williamson.

The good results obtained reflect credit on the keen instruction undertaken by Lieut. Hewitt and his N.C.O's.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The R.N. Section was formed in January, when the following cadets, transferred from the Army Section, paraded under Lieut. Dickson, R.N.V.R. :—

H. Blatch, A. R. Cloote, W. A. Cottrell, P. W. Ellson, P. J. Foot, J. A. Gibson, I. M. Gloinson, M. C. Golding, P. W. Harris, J. O. Herzog, D. L. Howell, M. P. Kimber, P. P. Marino, V. C. Matthews, A. M. Newton, B. F. Palmer, J. B. Stephens, H. P. Stark, R. Thornton, G. A. Ward, R. J. Way, N. E. Wild, A. T. Williams, M. E. Williamson.

The first field day was held at Portsmouth in March. This included a conducted tour of a submarine and lunch aboard *H.M.S. Modeste*, where training films were shown.

The Section has been fortunate in receiving help in training from Lt.-Commander H. H. McLean, R.N.R., who has had experience of service in the Royal Navy during both World Wars. We should like to thank him for what he has done for the Section and we look forward to enjoying his able assistance in the future.

ARMY SECTION

Preparation for Certificate "A," Part II, under the guidance of Lieut. Sanderson and Lieut. Witney, and the provision of N.C.O's. for the Basic Section, have been the main tasks of the Army Section so far this year.

The following boys passed the March examination, the report

for which reflects great credit on all those who spent so much time in instructing the candidates :—

J. C. Beal, G. E. Beckett, B. W. Bennett, J. F. Collet, P. E. Dancer, W. E. C. Davies, G. L. Goldman, D. R. Harper, M. R. Hawgood, P. S. Herd, P. D. Howse, A. L. Hughes, M. S. Lumsden, D. J. Maconachie, A. S. Martin, A. C. Michael, G. B. Morrison, P. K. Newman, B. J. Pinnell, B. N. Sandifer, P. C. Shiells.

Eight cadets and N.C.O.'s. attended courses during the Christmas holidays and five during the Easter holidays. Cpl. Hutchinson and Cadet Levisohn were awarded Certificate "T" as a result of their technical courses at Longmoor, while those who had attended a drill course at Caterham returned to instil new vigour into the Unit's drill movements.

Field days were held at Richmond Park in October and at Radlett in March. On both occasions we were fortunate in having good weather ; and both the Army and Basic Sections were able to enjoy much important outdoor training.

The following promotions have been made :—

To C.S.M. : L/Sgt. Jones.

To Sgt. : L/Sgts. Burgner, Dickson, Lundie, Mayoss.

To L/Sgt. : Cpls. Bovington, Grabow, Woolford.

To Cpl. : L/Cpls. Andrews, Bennet, Gainsborough, Hutchinson, Jarrett, Marson, Norman, Partington, Pearce.

To L/Cpl. : Cadets Back, Lumsden, Miller, Morrison, Pinnell, Wren.

R.A.F. SECTION

Training has continued on normal lines during the past two terms. The exodus of N.C.O.'s and senior cadets in July left the Section with diminished strength during the Autumn Term, but on the completion of the Certificate "A" examination in December, 16 cadets transferred to this unit, the largest intake since the C.C.F. scheme came into operation.

On the occasion of the October Field Day, the Section (or most of it) visited Halton once again, but the tour of the workshops had to be curtailed on account of our late arrival, the coach having been seriously delayed by fog before it reached Westbere Road. In March we paid a second visit to Kenley after an interval of two years, and spent an interesting, if somewhat protracted, day. On both occasions the unit was airborne. Flying at Hendon has continued with the usual regular visits, and the disappointments due to bad weather during the autumn have been amply compensated in the first three months of the present year. Many cadets now have substantial totals of flying time recorded in their Service Books, and the standard of attainment in the navigation exercises is slowly improving.

It has been possible to use the school range during certain training periods, and the classification of cadets for shooting proficiency has commenced. At least two good films, one on the Weather Map, and the other on map reading from the air, have been shown since the new year. At the end of December the Section took

part in the Company Route March to Hampstead Heath, and were the subject of flattering comments from some junior members of the public. This event preceded the Annual C.C.F. Tea.

The outstanding event of the last two terms has undoubtedly been the change from the old A.T.C. uniform to War Service Dress. This has inevitably been a lengthy process, but at the time of writing the greater part of the new equipment has been issued. Another innovation—and a welcome one—has been the regular appearance of representatives from No. 65 Group, Hendon. Such calls not only save a good deal of correspondence, but also give the Section the opportunity of hearing new instructors lecturing on the less familiar parts of the training syllabus.

Increase of strength : Bawden, R., Beckley, J. A., Foster, D. J., Taylor, J. C., (23/9/49) ; Bancroft, J. M., Barker, R. C., Barker, V., Bartlett, M. W., Baty, C. J., Davidson, J. A., Glass, A. G., Keen, M. J., Kilroy, J. G., Mathews, J. A., Newton, J. M., Savage, P. V., Sims, A. F. E., Spatcher, D. N., Supran, L. D., Warren, G. P. (1/1/50).

Decrease of strength : F/Sgt. Jent, D. M., Sgt. Oakley, S. P., Sgt. Wilson, B. E. H., Cpl. Warren, H. F., Cdts. Bell, W. E. B., Burgess, P. R., Harper, R. W. S., Horton, D. A., Leboff, L., Possener, M. N. A. (31/7/49) ; Cdt. Clifford, P. H. (31/12/49) ; F/Sgt. Wilkins, D. J., Cdt. Savage, P. V. (5/4/50).

Promotions : Cpl. Wilkins, D. J. to be Flight-Sergeant, Cpl. Willetts, D. J. to be Sergeant, L/Cdts. Hurd, R. G., Ladd, P., Wise, G. A. T. to be Corporals (23/9/49) ; Cpl. Hurd to be Sergeant, L/Cdt. Smith, J. U. M. to be Corporal (13/1/50) ; Sgt. Willetts to be Flight-Sergeant, L/Cdt. Metcalfe, G. N. to be Corporal (5/4/50).

Proficiency Certificates : Cdts. Clifford, P. H., Possener, M. N. A., Wilson, G. A. (11/49) ; Cdts. Beck, D., Cook, M. S., Foster, D. J., Harris, N. Z., Pollard, D. L. (3/50).

Advanced Training : Sgt. Hurd (Meteorology, General Service Subjects, both with credit), Cpl. Ladd (Aircraft Recognition, General Service Subjects), Cpl. Smith (Meteorology, Airmanship, both with credit), Cdt. Metcalfe (Aircraft Recognition), February, 1950.

Gliding "A" Certificate : Cdt. Clifford (8/49) ; Cdt. Pollard, D. L. (3/50).

SPECIAL SERVICE UNIT

The operations of the Unit during this first half-year have covered first aid, life-saving, boat building, civics, community service and recreational activities.

One group under Mr. Campbell has followed a course in First Aid, leading up to a British Red Cross qualification, and all members were successful in the final examination. We congratulate these boys and hope that many of them will continue with their training to take a higher qualification in due course. We must also thank the British Red Cross Society for their kind assistance in running the course, and our School doctor, Dr. Leakey, for giving some of the lectures.

Thanks to the boys working with Mr. Barling, the appearance of the School has been considerably improved. The borders in the front have been given decorative edging, and a fine display of daffodils and tulips has set a standard which will be kept up throughout the

summer and autumn. Other boys in the Group have maintained the athletics and games equipment, cutting grass, marking out pitches, rolling tracks and digging sand pits, whilst still others have worked on the vegetable gardens and kept the field tidy.

The Boat Building Group has almost completed another canoe, this time a single seater boat which promises to be a fine craft. If one can judge from the interest taken in this work by the other boys in the School, a good many canoes will be built in back gardens during the next year or two.

About 20 boys have taken a course in Civics with Mr. Moody, studying the social organisation and current affairs, and learning something about their responsibilities as citizens. A few boys in the Group have undertaken social service outside the School, on behalf of old people in Hampstead. Their help has been appreciated both by the recipients and by the local authority.

Field Day operations included assistance with the picking of the late apple crop on a Hertfordshire fruit farm, a visit to a Road Safety Exhibition by the First Aid Group, expeditions into the Chilterns to gain practice in the use of map and compass, and work on the field and in the School.

In addition to the activities outlined above, most members of the Unit have taken a course in physical recreation under Mr. Thomas and some of the senior members have had the chance of gaining experience in taking charge of a class.

Before closing this report, I would take the opportunity of thanking Mr. Thomas, Mr. Barling, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Moody who have done such good work, and also the Section Leaders and other boys who have carried out their duties efficiently and without fuss. In particular, I mention Max, who has been of great assistance on several occasions. We are sorry to lose him.

J. W. D.

Section Leaders.

Group 1.—A. Bausor ; B. Max ; C. Kingston ; D. Lacey.

Group 2.—A. Goldstone ; B. King ; C. Robinson ; D. Crampton.

Group 3.—A. Armstrong ; B. Benghiat ; C. Simons ; D. Powell.

Decrease of Strength.

Section Leaders.—Max, Kingston, Lacey and Armstrong.

Unit Members.—Fruen, Horton, Attwood, Taylor, R. J., St. Clair, Haltrecht, M., Ingledew, Foster, J., Frey, Little, Manuel, Bromige.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY'S
FIRST AID EXAMINATION

(*Successful Candidates, in order of merit*).—Sugg, Turner, Powell, Simons, Bramson, Goldstein, Ovis, Rose, Cox, Darke, Englander, Freeman, Davis, Bennet, J. H., Coulthard, Baxter, Farrand.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

THE ABBOTT CLUB

It is most gratifying to notice that during the last term the former wider interest enjoyed by the Abbott Club has considerably revived. Attendances have been certainly very promising, and I hope this is an indication of a re-awakening of the long-dormant intellectual and cultural interest, so lacking in previous years. In the choice of debates, the Committee has deliberately tried to present a much wider appeal to the whole of the Upper School.

This aim has been reflected in all the recent debates which were better attended and more lively. However, the Modern Sixth still provides the main support while the more junior members of the Club are content to maintain a passive and rather stolid outlook whatever the subject of the debate. Consequently, more work has been thrown upon the already hard-working members of the Committee who have, however, risen to the extra strain, and must be thanked for their sincere and very earnest help.

M. S. King has spoken very well and has several times sparkled with brilliant flashes of repartee. He unsuccessfully proposed the controversial motion that "In the opinion of this House, Religion is the opium of the people," and was a main speaker at the Inter-Schools' debate with the City of London School. King and Fabian opposed the motion that "This House deplores state subsidisation of culture." Mr. Witney kindly agreed to propose the motion that "Poetry should be intelligible to the common man," and he was vigorously opposed by the President (B. Sewell) who doubted the ability of the common man to understand or take any interest in anything beyond his immediate vision.

There was wide appeal for a debate on the results of the General Election and M. G. Max proposed that "This House deplores the prospect of another five years' Socialism." The advocate of Socialism was A. G. E. Burgess who, as he himself admitted, supported the theory of Socialism rather than the practical results.

During the term there have been many changes among the officers of the Club. D. J. Wilkins fulfilled his post as President capably and conscientiously, but was forced to resign through pressure of examination work in favour of B. Sewell who then relinquished his position as Secretary. A. Mayoss, who represented both the Abbott Club and the Music Society on the Committee, left before the end of the term and G. B. Morrison was elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee. Messrs. E. G. Lock, J. Craig and G. S. Campbell accepted the President's invitation to become Vice-Presidents.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Dr. Taylor for his deep interest in the Club and valuable help in reframing the rules of procedure.

B. W. R. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

THE BIOLOGY SOCIETY

The Autumn Term's programme was opened with a General Meeting at which the Chairman, Secretary and Section Leaders for the year 1949-50 were elected. It was decided to run the Society in the same three sections as in the previous year, *i.e.*, General Biology, Museum and Aquarium Sections.

During the Term papers were read by P. Carey, speaking to a combined meeting of the Biology and Science Societies on "Biological Stains," and also by R. Hurd on "Chow-chows," and M. Freeman on "Cave Formations in Derbyshire." Three films were shown: "Defeat Diphtheria" and "The Story of D.D.T." and, at the end of the term, a remarkable Russian film, "Experiments in the Revival of Organisms."

The Society's Annual Tea was held on the first Friday of the Spring Term. The Tea was followed by a talk given by the Secretary on "North Norfolk," and then a Chaplin silent film, "Dough and Dynamite."

As regards the normal Friday afternoon activities, the General Biology Section has been occupied with the preparation of photomicrographs, and with the building of an insect light trap to be installed on the roof of the Science Building. The Museum Section has prepared numerous exhibits, and the Aquarium Section has carried out much useful general maintenance.

I should again like to thank Mr. Shea for his continued interest and help in the organisation of each Friday's programme, and also R. G. Hurd who has carried out his duties as Chairman in a most efficient manner.

J. D. BLACKBURN, *Hon. Sec.*

THE CHESS SOCIETY

For the first time for several seasons the School's record has this year been very good. Only one match has so far been lost against other schools and eight have been won. Risby and Wise, at the top two boards, have played consistently well, and have been the main factors in the team's success. Wise has also performed with energy and enthusiasm the duties of Club Secretary. The total of games won and lost in the matches to date is 40 for and 25 against. The assistance of Mr. Griffiths has always been given willingly and has always been of value. My thanks are due to him, and I wish the Society he guides equal prosperity in future years.

D. J. WILKINS, *Captain of Chess.*

JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

Congratulations are due to J. F. Risby, who is now Junior (under 18) Champion of Middlesex. He gained $3\frac{1}{2}$ points out of a possible 4.

He also won his game when he was playing 6th Board for Middlesex against Cheshire's 5th Board, in the match by which Middlesex secured the Junior (under 18) County Championship.

It is hoped that the trophy thus earned will be lent to the members of the team for display at their respective schools during part of the year.

A. W. G.

CHRISTIAN UNION

The aim of the Christian Union is, as its name implies, to provide an opportunity for combined Christian Fellowship, from which strength and knowledge may be gained for our task of witnessing for Christ at School.

Meetings have been held regularly during the last two terms during Monday dinner hours and it is gratifying to see that attendances are still increasing, so much so that it has become necessary to use the larger Room 32.

The Autumn Term's meetings commenced with a talk by Mr. R. Cattell on "Discipleship," and other addresses were given by Rev. F. Everson, Rev. Goodchild, the Headmaster and the School Chaplain. As an experiment, discussions were held for the first time.

During the Spring Term Mr. Barling gave a series of talks entitled "Some Reasons for Believing the Bible," which were very instructive and, on occasions, provocative. Mr. Macdonald gave a talk, and several discussions were held.

J. I. BAUSOR.

I. P. H. MACONACHIE.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

After a fortnight of intensive rehearsal at the beginning of the Spring Term, the Dramatic Society was able to perform "The Alchemist," by Ben Jonson (chosen as the play for the winter), at the end of January. As usual, there were three public performances. The hall was full on each night, and the audience appreciative. A fuller report appears elsewhere.

A successful innovation concluded the Spring Term's activities. After the Annual Tea, a large section of the Society attended an enjoyable performance of "The Miser," by Molière, produced by the Old Vic Theatre Company.

Finally, I would like to thank all those members of the staff who assisted with the Society's activities in any way, and especially Mr. Moody, for coping so successfully with the administrative arrangements.

T. BURGNER, *Hon. Sec.*

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Five meetings of the Society were held this term. At the first Mr. Setchell, from the British Columbia Office, showed some coloured films on salmon fishing, the logging industry, and fruit growing in British Columbia. At the following meeting Mr. Nicholson, a South African schoolmaster, gave an interesting talk on the native problem in South Africa and the development of industry

in that country. We were fortunate in having two student masters at school, Mr. Kornua from the Gold Coast and Mr. Upshon from Calcutta, who very kindly gave two talks to the Society. We ended the term's programme with a splendid talk given by Mr. Scarfe, the Senior Lecturer in Geography at the Institute of Education, University of London, about his recent visit to the U.S.A. The talk was illustrated with lantern slides and Mr. Scarfe showed how, although the East and the West are very different geographically, the people and their customs are very similar all over the U.S.A.

On behalf of the Society I would like to thank all the contributors to our activities and Mr. Campbell, for his continued interest in the Society.

M. W. ANDREWS, *Hon. Sec.*

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Several meetings have been held since the Society was formed in the Autumn Term, 1949 ; at these, lectures were given by members of the Society on subjects such as "Higher Space," "Magic Squares" and "Non-Euclidean Geometry." At the end of the Spring Term a visit was made to the mathematical section of the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Beynon, our Chairman, and to Mr. Matthews, both of whom were instrumental in forming the Society, also to Mr. Hewitt and to Mr. Macdonald, who arranged the visit to the National Physical Laboratory.

J. WEISS, *Hon. Sec.*

MUSIC SOCIETY

During the last two terms the Music Society has endeavoured to use to the full the latent talent in the School ; attendances, however, have not justified the scope and content of the meetings. They have especially dropped amongst members of the Modern Sixth ; if this is to remain the case, it does not augur well for the future of a Society which was able to exist during the war solely by the patronage of the Modern Sixth.

However, there are many other forms of musical expression practised in the School, but, nevertheless, it would make the efforts of the Secretary and Committee more worth-while if those who have made known some interest in music, were to support the Society, which exists for their benefit.

There have been regular fortnightly meetings since the beginning of the Autumn Term, covering a wide range of topics and presentation. There have been two notable highlights—the organ recital by Dr. Osborne Peasgood, sub-organist of Westminster Abbey, who used to the full the resources of the School instrument. This was the first occasion on which the organ has been used for recital purposes ; we trust that once again some venturesome

musician might be lulled into playing "multum in parvo." The second was the talk by Miss Avril from the English Folk-Dance and Song Society, on Folk Music. This was attended by a large and appreciative audience, which she well managed to coerce into song. Her illustrations on the violin were of the first order and we are extremely grateful to her.

I should like to thank all those who have given their services to the Society, especially Dr. McLellan, for whose guidance and advice I tend my most sincere thanks. Our relations with the Abbott Club have been most cordial and B. Sewell, who is acting as my temporary successor, has given much help and useful criticism, and I trust J. S. Weiss, who will become Secretary after Higher Schools, will have as a happy a period of office as I had. To the Headmaster also are due my grateful thanks for his interest and sympathetic co-operation.

A. MAYOSS, *Hon. Sec.*

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

There was little activity during the Autumn Term and, apart from business meetings, only two meetings were held—a film show and a discussion arising from it.

During the Spring Term, five meetings were held and altogether ten films shown. These included a film on the Canadian Moose, two on the Canadian National Parks, two on animal life in Australia, one on the Atlantic Seal, and the remainder on domestic animals and Canadian Wild Life.

At half-term, a party of eight members was shown over the Bird-room of the Natural History Museum, South Kensington. The party inspected the skins of many rare and exotic tropical birds, including humming-birds and kingfishers.

A General Meeting on 30th March concluded the term's programme, when the following were elected: President, M. J. Grabow; Vice-President: A. G. E. Burgess; Joint Secretaries: D. A. Brown and J. C. Lord; Committee: R. J. Way, N. R. Read, A. F. Fuelling. The subscription for next term will be reduced from 6d. to 3d.

In conclusion, the Society would like to express its thanks to Mr. Small for his helpful guidance as Patron of the Society; to the two projectionists, J. Hutchinson and A. R. B. Cloote, and to Mr. Payne for permitting the use of the projector and the Physics Lecture Theatre.

D. A. BROWN }
J. C. LORD } *Joint Secretaries.*

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC CIRCLE

The Circle has been very active during the past two terms and rather busier taking pictures than processing them. Next term, with the promised enlarger, we should be equally occupied with the latter.

Of our 17 members, eight have been taking pictures for the School, one with a ciné-camera.

Membership of the Circle is divided into two classes—those wishing to be active and those who are passively interested in photography (the latter are not permitted to use the dark-room). Now that we are affiliated to the Royal Photographic Society, all members who wish to join it may do so without having to pay the entrance fee.

It cannot be emphasised here too strongly, that the Circle, while trying to stimulate interest in photography in the School, exists for the School and does its best to record school events and photograph anything connected with the School, which it may be called upon to undertake.

In order to encourage more interest in photography, the Circle will hold a photographic competition and an exhibition at the end of next term. It is hoped that they will both be truly representative of the School. Masters are invited to enter for the latter.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Mr. Allsopp for his great help and guidance and the Headmaster and various other masters for their interest.

M. J. GRABOW, *Hon. Sec.*

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

After temporary suspension of activities during the Summer Term, the Science Society was re-formed at the beginning of the Autumn Term. A Committee was set up and it was decided to run the Society in two groups—a Chemical Group, and a Wireless and Electronics Group.

Members of the Chemical Group, under the charge of D. J. Willetts, have given the Society a number of very interesting talks on varied topics. These have included "Pyrotechnics," by I. P. H. Maconachie (illustrated by brightly coloured and very pungent home-made fireworks); "Chemistry and Light," by Simons; a well-presented lecture on "Microchemistry," by Ward; and a talk by Simons on "The Liquefaction of Gases," followed by an interesting practical demonstration of some experiments with liquid air.

Under the able guidance of Mr. Smith, the Wireless and Electronics Group, with J. E. C. Williams as group organiser, is now engaged upon the construction of a television set. The Group hope to have completed the set and be receiving the B.B.C. Television Service towards the end of the Summer Term.

The Society's Annual Tea was held at the beginning of the Spring Term. The Tea, to which we were very pleased to welcome the Headmaster, was followed by a rapidly delivered talk by I. P. H. Maconachie on "Radioactivity," illustrated by his own lantern slides and diagrams. A mixture of the disintegration products of thorium, the isotopes of uranium, and the properties of β -rays seemed to cause bewilderment on the faces of many members, but

this was soon dispelled by the showing of "The Goose Steps Out," starring Will Hay.

Five visits were arranged during the Spring Term. These included the Osram Lamp Works at Wembley, and Kodak Ltd., where members handled large ingots of silver. Other visits were made to the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington, the British Oxygen Co., and Crooke's Laboratories at Park Royal.

The term's programme was completed with the showing of three I.C.I. films: "Nobel Began It," "Rock of Ages" and "A Ship Comes in from Texas."

On behalf of all members of the Society I should like to thank Mr. Payne for his advice and interest, and also Mr. Knight and Mr. Smith under whose guidance the two Groups have met.

J. D. BLACKBURN, *Hon. Sec.*

SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The first general meeting of the Society was held on 28th September, when the officers of the Sub-Committees were appointed. The following week the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and form representatives were elected, and on 24th October a new Secretary and Treasurer were elected, and also a new Chairman, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of A. J. Dickson, owing to pressure of school work.

This year's Executive Committee is as follows: D. A. Jones (Chairman), G. A. T. Wise (Vice-Chairman), J. U. M. Smith, P. Beales and R. Horne (Sixth, Fifth and Fourth Form representatives respectively). Co-opted members: M. J. Grabow (Vice-President), J. A. Beckley (Secretary and Treasurer) and B. Sewell (Chairman of Selection Committee).

On 8th November 17 boys, led by Mr. Campbell, visited the British Thomson-Houston Works at Rugby. In all respects this was both interesting and successful, thanks to Mr. Campbell's preparatory work.

The Society's Annual Tea was held on 9th December, and was followed by the showing of four films.

During the Christmas holidays there were four visits—to the Middlesex Guildhall on 29th December, Lyons, Cadby Hall, on 30th December, Kemp's Biscuit Factory, on 4th January, 1950, and Wall's Ice Cream Factory, on 5th January.

On 20th February, Mr. Lambton Wilkinson, Education Officer of the National Coal Board, gave a lecture with films on "The Coal Industry To-day." It is hoped that a similar lecture will be given next term by a representative of the Gas Executive. N. Humphry, Esq., the Chief Agricultural Adviser to the Government of Kenya, and an Old Boy of the School (1908-1915), visited us on 27th March and after discussing his work with a group of Sixth Formers in the afternoon, he gave an informal talk about farming problems in

Kenya and East Africa to a group of Society members, and handed round a large number of excellent photographs.

The Statistical Survey Committee reports that it will exhibit its work at the end of next term.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the President, Mr. Campbell, for all his help during the past two terms.

J. A. BECKLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

A MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL

On 23rd December, 1949, a small and privileged party of the Sociological Society attended a meeting of the Middlesex County Council.

The meeting began with the Chairman, Col. Farley welcoming, "A party of scholars from Haberdashers' Hampstead School." The minutes of the last meeting were then submitted and signed, and after apologies for absence, announcements concerning resignations and elections and other minor matters, the business of the Chamber commenced.

The Council treats all matters so carefully that it is obvious the business could not be given full attention at a full meeting of the Council. Committees have to be set up dealing with such varied matters as Finance, Children, Civil Defence, Education, Highways, and so on. Accordingly they make resolutions and submit these in a written report to the Council. The combined reports from all the Committees are then issued to all members of the County Council some time before the actual meeting so that they may be studied. It is then an easy matter for the Chairman to go through each report at the Council Meeting, reading out the numbers of the sub-sections of each report which, if unchallenged, are passed. This is exactly what happened and it was apt to become rather monotonous for those who did not possess a copy of the report. Now and again objections were raised on certain minor points and then a vote was taken. This was done by simply pressing a button, red (against), green (for); this is relayed to an automatic counting machine and the result is then soon displayed in red and green on a screen.

There is nothing that one looks forward to more than the tea recess; when the members of the County Council have an opportunity of discussing matters which will be brought up during the next half of the meeting. It was here that we were introduced to Councillor W. Forbes, one of our Governors.

The School party left soon after the tea, having much enjoyed its brief insight into the affairs of local government.

M. J. G.

B. T. H.

A visit to a British-Thomson-Houston factory does not seem a very appealing thing for a Sociological society, but there is always plenty of scope, whatever kind of factory is visited. The enthusiasm of 30 members witnessed its support. Only 17 members, however,

were finally permitted to go. The factory is situated in Rugby and, therefore, a railway journey, not an unpleasant one, with Mr. Campbell giving an occasional commentary on the geography of the passing countryside, was necessary.

At the factory the party was split up into three groups and off we rambled into the unknown—123 acres of it. This is no place for a long treatise on the factory from the technical aspect, and, besides, the noise intermingled with music prevented most of us from hearing our guide.

Before midday we had visited the Gear Cutting Shop, the Turbine Department, the Transformer Factory and the Press Shop. A halt was called at 12.20 p.m. and we sat down to a magnificent lunch, after which cigarettes and cigars were passed round (typical of B.T.H. hospitality)—we, however, declined the offer.

The Chief of the Apprentice Department gave an informative after-lunch talk on openings and careers with the B.T.H. and then we broke off again into groups to finish our tour of the most important parts of the factory.

The Control Gear Shop showed us what the B.T.H. was doing towards the National Export Drive. There were control boards going to Argentina (Zahrate Paper Mills), Rosario, India (Ahmenabad Power Station), South Africa and, in fact, to all corners of the globe. The foundry and the Lamp Factory showed us mass-production in motion. Our time was now up. In a day we had seen only a small fraction of this large factory, employing 10,000 workers. Tea rounded off the day and we were back in London in time for supper.

M. J. G.

SCIENCE LIBRARY

The Library is now being used by the Sixth Form more frequently, but is still very popular with the Lower School. A rather larger number of books have disappeared from the Library recently, but it is hoped that the unofficial borrowing of books will soon cease. Amongst the new books bought in the last two terms are several on atomic energy and modern mathematics, but we are always grateful for any books that Old Boys consider useful, and would like to present to the Library. This is a custom which has fallen into abeyance in the last few years.

I would like to thank Mr. H. W. Shea for his constant help and interest in the running of the Library and all the Assistant Librarians who have carried out the routine duties with great care. The new Assistants are: R. Partington, S. Ovis, P. Goodman D. E. Woolf.

A word of thanks is also due to R. A. Lacey who was my predecessor for a term, and I hope to carry on the good work which he was forced to leave so abruptly.

S. GOLDSTONE, *Librarian*.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

This year, W. F. Corpe has been the Librarian and he has filled the post ably and conscientiously. I should like to thank him and the Assistant Librarians for all they do. We have also had the welcome service of a number of boys below the Sixth Form.

The Library is not big in area, and it is our policy to discourage the presence of any whose activities could equally well be carried on elsewhere, and to reserve its use for those who wish to read the books and magazines provided.

We have to acknowledge gifts of books from the following: G. N. Leigh, J. Lipman, B. E. H. Wilson, J. Freilich, M. Haltrecht, M. J. Dare, B. C. Granger, A. H. M. Macrae and M. B. Buck. Mrs. Mayall, Mr. G. Kaye and G. A. Ward presented sets of books. The Numismatic Society, under the bequest of the late Lieut. W. S. Royal Marshall, sent us "The Principal Coins of the Greeks." A copy of "Cairo to Riyadh Diary," by George Bilainkin, was given by the author.

The Film Society, on coming to an end, generously gave with their remaining funds "The Film Till Now."

T. L. S.

BOOK REVIEWS

"POINT-COUNTER-POINT"

by ALDOUS HUXLEY

Aldous Huxley, in his novels, expresses one aspect of the spirit of the age. The feeling of unrest and insecurity prevalent in the modern world, inspired by the perpetual fear of war and destruction, and by the new scientific discoveries which emphasise Man's insignificance in the universe, is exactly reflected in his work. In "Point-Counter-Point," he presents a group of people oppressed by a sense of futility, leading an aimless, superficial life; they are rescued from banality and emptiness through recognition of their worthlessness, and there is genuine pathos in their puny attempts to bring some pattern and unity into the formless chaos of their existence. The final judgement offered by the author is that, though it is necessary for every man to struggle to find some meaning in life, and only thus can life be rendered tolerable, yet in actual fact there is no guiding purpose, and anyone who thinks he has been able to reduce the inconsistencies and irrelevancies of life to a co-ordinate whole, is merely deluding himself with vain fancy. Thus Spandrell, just before going to his death, claims that a Beethoven quartet has given him a vision of life full of meaning and purpose; manifestly a self-imposed illusion, but necessary to his peace of mind, and enabling him to be reconciled to life before he quits it. The society depicted is contrived and artificial, but, adequately, is seriously employed to demonstrate a type of mentality. "Point-Counter-Point" is a serious major work embodying one aspect of the spirit of the age and expressing Huxley's view of life. It is certainly one of the most important novels of the century, and one day may well be given a place in the main Tradition of English Literature.

M. HALTRECHT.

"ANIMAL FARM"

by GEORGE ORWELL

The book "Animal Farm," is the story of the revolution on a certain farm of the animals against the rule of man. It describes how the farmer is driven out and how, for a short time, the animals enjoy a very happy existence which ends when the pigs begin to take the place of man and the animals suffer again the hardships they had experienced under the farmer.

"Animal Farm" is a very clever and amusing allegory, directed against the rule of the Communist government in Russia, showing how Communism there has become very like the former Czarism. Mr. Orwell has succeeded in establishing this point and in writing a very amusing book by using the methods employed by most satirists; he has made every event and character a parallel to an event or person in the history of the U.S.S.R. Thus, whether the parallel is amusing or not, every part of this book can keep the reader's interest by making him wonder what that parallel is.

Perhaps the most amusing parts of this book are those in which the author satirises the methods employed by the Communists to keep down discontent in the countries which they control. On the farm, the pigs threaten that cruel man will return if they themselves do not take control. They also slaughter the most dissatisfied after they have made amazing confessions while under no apparent compulsion. For the benefit of the animals of low intellect, the pigs draw up facts and figures which state that food is more plentiful and general conditions for the animals better than ever before and which can neither be understood nor, therefore, disbelieved. (This, of course, satirises not only the U.S.S.R. and its satellites.)

The characters also are well drawn and amusing in the way they satirise certain people or groups of people. There are, for instance, the sheep, representing the mob, who are most deceived by political trickery and who repeat idiotic slogans which have been taught to them by the pigs.

As I have said, "Animal Farm" is a very clever and amusing book, but it can only be enjoyed to a full extent by the reader who has a good knowledge of the history of the U.S.S.R.

"A SORT OF TRAITORS"

by NIGEL BALCHIN

Nigel Balchin's latest novel should be of exceptional interest to the science side. The plot concerns a group of scientists who have been working for years on the control of epidemics. Just as they are about to publish, they are informed that their work might be of value to a potential enemy.

Their choice, between loyalty to mankind and loyalty to their country, is one that any scientist engaged in research might have to take. The Professor, director of the unit, resolves to communicate with the foreign scientific societies. One of his assistants is drawn into a scheme to give the information to an organisation which, purporting to be a "World Scientific Publication Service," is really an agency for the potential enemy—unnamed. Recent events have made this part of the plot far more credible than it would otherwise have been.

Although the story is gripping and fast-moving, the characters are not entirely convincing. Several of them appear to be exaggerations of Mr. Balchin's previous creations, particularly those of "The Small Back Room." And, surely, the situation—neurotic cripple kept going by self-sacrificing woman—can now be discarded as worn out.

Every character in the book is frustrated and unsuccessful from the Professor to the chimpanzee kept as a pet although useless for experimental purposes.

If this is a true picture of a research unit, the future for both Scientific Man in general and scientists in particular is not only hopeless, but brief.

D. E. WOOLF.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

QUEENS' COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

This term, the 22 Old Haberdashers now in residence at Cambridge—we think this is a record—had the pleasure of dining with the Headmaster at the first meeting of the newly-formed O.H. Society. Philip Leigh, at St. John's, suggested the formation of the Society in the Michaelmas Term and we hope that an Annual Dinner in the Lent Term will become the custom. Having been in residence longer than anyone else, I was elected President, and in this capacity I should like to send the good wishes of the O.H.'s in Cambridge to you and the School.

In the Society, as in the University, there is a great span of years over those *in statu pupillari*. Some of us left school as long ago as 1942 and 1943, and it is with surprise, even a little embarrassment, that we meet men who in our last year at "Habs" were wearing short trousers or quietly dodging dinner-queues. The University newspaper tells us that there is a division in the University: the old regard the young as immature, precocious and pimply, and the young consider the ex-Serviceman staid, rigid and ruddy. Clearly, each is not inspired by the other. Each, says the paper, resents the other's presence. But such a view is far from the truth.

I am told, and no doubt you, Sir, are well aware, that it is still extremely difficult to gain a place in a college; and ex-Servicemen are still in the large majority. The sobriety of the old soldier has pleased the College porter just as his accompanying lack of malleability has distressed certain tutors. The ex-Serviceman has changed the face of the University; jokes about perambulators, beards and babies have now worn very thin. But unless the Freshman from school is very self-conscious, the system leaves little room for one's resentment of another. Perhaps now more than ever before.

At the end of the War the University grew in size. Colleges have become communities of cliques rather than individuals and it is impossible to know even one quarter of the men in one's own college. But with this change, age has not been substituted for ability as a means of success; a "Blue" or a "First" may have once worn uniform or he may not. Age is certainly no barrier.

The growth of specialisation at school, which is continued in the University, does not help the problem created by the growth of numbers. Indeed, a narrowness of outlook increases the tendency for cliques which large numbers themselves encourage. The authorities are now recognising this fact and attempting to alleviate it by extended lectures (many of us dislike lectures, however!). Certainly, men are returning to activities within the college instead of in the University as a whole.

I feel that, in this situation, an Old Boys' Society can have a definite function. With the number of ex-Servicemen slowly decreasing, it will be able more and more to remould friendships that existed at School and become a link between the Fresher and the man in his third year. We hope that it will be able to welcome many of you to this strange, but wonderful place. It is certainly our wish for the future.

H. LETTY.

OXFORD LETTER

MERTON COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

Never, I think, have your Oxford correspondents been in any way overburdened with material for their columns such as offers itself this Academic year at the University. May I claim this precedent, therefore, as excuse if I make only cursory mention of the most eminent personalities, or adopt a somewhat brief and prosaic style in order to fit a sketch of Haberdasher, Oxford, into the framework of this letter.

Counting to the limit of my fingers and toes but compelled, thank goodness, to no higher mental activity, there seem to be exactly twenty O.H.'s up in residence at the moment. Such numbers appeared both to us and to the Headmaster sufficient excuse to warrant the formation of an Oxford Old Haberdasher Club—a rite which was sacredly performed and suitably celebrated at a Dinner held in the Randolph Hotel this Hilary Term. Dr. Taylor, himself, was present and we were also glad to see the Rev. Taylor and Mr. Crossman up from School. J. B. Bamborough, Dean of Wadham, having previously waved his wand over Proctorial difficulties, was constituted Senior Member and R. Severn, in his absence, elected President. Other officers included Stuart Oakley of Lincoln as Secretary, and J. B. Gaskell (whose bank balance was alone sufficient to cover the cost of the proceedings) as Treasurer. One of the objects of the Club is to make the Dinner an annual event, and next year, perhaps, we shall see a full assembly of Oxford O.H.'s firmly establishing a tradition along these lines.

The college which appears to have the most Haberdasher undergraduate members, at present, is Jesus; where W. T. A. Cox, M. J. Tree, both reading English, and I. A. M. Copland are taking Finals this year and are seldom to be seen anywhere at the moment. Freshmen there are J. B. Gaskell, doing Theology and D. M. Phillipps reading English. With J. B. Bamborough at Wadham, C. G. C. Philo is tutoring in History; at that ancient Jacobean institution, too, A. F. Thomas does Chemistry and, to add to the joys of Oxford life, has recently become engaged; D. Marsh, studying P.P.E., reads poetry aloud to the frustration of his room-mate; and R. Y. Copland looks a picture of health and finds the Wadham scarf suits his complexion. At Oriel College, A. S. Morrison and D. Hassell are both in their second year and both reading Modern Languages.

Lone outposts of Haberdasher influence are held by five others. T. Cochrane at St. Catherine's continues to add to the municipal traffic problems with a motor-bike which threatens all in its path. K. Davies, the Queen's, S. Oakley, Lincoln and G. C. Frowde, Merton, are all Freshmen studying History with the minimum of exertion and maximum of interest. They find it, to quote an earlier reader in the subject, "very stimulating." Reg Severn of Pembroke, continues his usual celebrated self. A March number of the "Isis" devotes a whole page to him and records with very justifiable pride that of his sixteen fights for the University he has lost none, and only one opponent has gone the full distance of three rounds with him. His boxing career, up here, ended this term with the same energy and drama that has characterised its progress, when he knocked out his opposite number in the University match in the first round.

That appears to be all. Have I forgotten anyone? Very probably so, and my apologies in advance to those who have been inadvertently left out. May I express the hope, however, that next year's letter may have even more names to record, despite the fact that a number are going down in June.

"O.H. APUD OXON."

LONDON LETTER

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
LONDON.

It has been the custom of previous writers of the "London Letter" to confine their remarks to the activities of Old Haberdashers at the University; but at the risk of breaking with tradition, I intend to attempt a brief and incomplete description of the University, its scope, functions and organisation. I do this in the knowledge that all too little is known about it, despite its size.

This size is, perhaps, the most striking feature of the University, certainly the most spectacular, for there are more than 50,000 registered students. The majority of these, some 30,000, many of whom are to be found

in the Commonwealth and in foreign countries, are External students who pursue their studies independently or at colleges or polytechnics outside London, and who sit the examinations of the University. Thus, the University is entrusted with the maintenance of academic standards on an unparalleled scale.

However, that department of London University of particular interest to those leaving school and wishing "to go on to college" is the Internal Department. Teaching here is conducted in 66 educational establishments. Nine of these are called University Departments and are directly controlled from the Senate House and are mainly concerned with work at post-graduate level, and with research. Among them are the Institute of Education, the University Observatory and the Courtauld Institute. More independent are the 36 Schools of the University, which include most of the best known colleges, namely University, King's, Imperial and Queen Mary Colleges. Without enumerating them all it is worth noting that they include, also, the London School of Economics, the three women's Colleges, Bedford, Royal Holloway and Westfield, 13 under-graduate Medical and Dental Schools and four post-graduate Medical Schools. All these have their own governing bodies which, while conforming to standards laid down by the University Senate, are responsible for their own administration. Still more independent are 21 so-called Institutions having recognised teachers. They have governing bodies, on which the University can be represented, but over which it has no control. Among these Institutions are a number of Technical Colleges in the London area which, together with Colleges for the teaching of Veterinary Science, Estate Management, Theology, Music, Agriculture and Education, prepare candidates for the Internal Examinations of the University.

The Extra-Mural department of the University was founded to make University learning available to students whose circumstances prevent them from studying for a degree. The strongest motive of the extra-mural students is cultural but, in more recent years, courses in the useful arts and in physical education have been introduced and Diplomas awarded in a number of subjects.

Criticism is frequently levelled at London University for being a "degree shop," a place where the finer aspects of education are neglected in favour of mere technical ability, where students have only one ambition—to obtain their qualification in the shortest possible time. Unfortunately, much of this must be accepted as fair comment in the case of many of the Polytechnics and other institutions that come within the jurisdiction of the University. But such remarks cannot be left unanswered in the case of the older colleges. Here, genuine attempts are being made, by students and staff alike, to maintain academic and cultural standards at the highest possible level, a task that can never be easy in non-residential colleges, and the degree of success depends largely on the individual student. At my own College some 3,000 students are engaged in studies ranging from anthropology to archæology and architecture and such a diversity of interest under a single roof can be, and is, of the utmost value to all concerned. It is possible to become acquainted with the views and opinions of people whose aims are widely different from one's own, and it is in such an atmosphere that a University education in its widest sense can be obtained.

London must not be assumed merely to be a bad third to Oxford and Cambridge, though it is not for me to suggest which of these august institutions should occupy first place; it has a very special and peculiar part to play in the higher education of this country.

This aside, I can assure all those Haberdashers who intend to come to London that they will receive the warmest of welcomes from those of us already there; their choice is a wise one.

M. J. MILNER.

MANCHESTER LETTER

A large number of noses were turned up at School when their owners heard that I was going to Manchester University. "If you are not going to one of *the* Universities, even London is better than a provincial one"—was a comment that greeted me. Another encouraging (?) remark was, "You will never be able to stand a provincial town after London—especially Manchester, the filthiest place in England!"

The town is certainly not particularly pleasant, but the University makes up in full for that disadvantage. Its degrees, especially in Science, are renowned through the country, notable amongst them being Physics and Dentistry, with Engineering, Maths. and Chemistry not far behind. I don't know much about the other Faculties, although Geography is rated quite high; one can do the usual subjects, such as History, English, Law, and odd things like Palaeography and Egyptology in the Faculties.

The gaining of a degree is, of course, only one side of a University education; the social aspect should be kept well to the fore. I think the social life here gives one more satisfaction than it would do at Oxford and Cambridge. The reason is that here one has to look for and do a lot towards one's own social intercourse whereas at the above-mentioned Universities, one gets the impression that it is "laid on," and no effort is required to join in. That is probably personal opinion, but I am certain that the self-satisfaction and moral uplift resulting, is greater.

The University buildings are very impressive although their periods of architecture are somewhat mixed. That is no disadvantage because most of the best buildings suffer from that fault. The Union is opposite the main part of the University and is the place to go when one has time to spare. Manchester is one of the few Universities in the country to have a separate Men's Union and Women's Union. At least one sanctum has not been desecrated by "career women"! The Union contains most of the things one needs: a couple of lounges, a barber, bath-rooms, two bars, one for coffee and another for stronger drink, two debating halls, four billiard tables and a bridge room. There is also a Silence Room in case anybody wants to work.

Every kind of sport is organised in the Union. The University has two large playing fields, a beautiful swimming bath and a vast gymnasium containing a boxing ring, two table tennis tables, a basket-ball court and three badminton courts, still leaving plenty of room for fencing, weight lifting and the usual P.T. apparatus. Competition to get into the football, rowing, swimming and boxing teams is very keen and so the standards are kept high. There are two training corps and students are paid so much by the hour for attending. The Air Section is entirely devoted to training pilots, whilst the Army Section with its officers' training counts as part of the T.A.

I have cut my descriptions short for obvious reasons, but there are many more things I could tell you about. There is only one thing missing and that the presence of some more O.H.'s. My account has shown you what an admirable University it is; so if any boys who are leaving School want to come to a decent University, let them apply soon and I shall be very pleased to show them round.

Best of luck to all who intend to further their education.

M. POSSENER.

CONFIRMATION

About fifty members of the School will be presented for Confirmation by the Bishop of Willesden at the Church of S. Francis of Assisi, Gladstone Park, at 8 p.m., on Thursday, 6th July. Names of candidates will be published in the next issue of THE SKYLARK. You are asked to note carefully the following arrangements :—

Friday, 30th June.

Rehearsal for all candidates in S. Francis Church. We hope to arrange for tea at School beforehand.

Sunday, 2nd July.

“Confirmation Vigil” and Public Baptism at S. Francis Church (two members of the School will be among the candidates for Baptism). All candidates *and their parents* are expected at this Service.

Thursday, 6th July, 8 p.m.

Confirmation Service.

Wednesday, 12th July, 7.45 a.m.

Corporate Communion of the School and First Communion of those newly Confirmed.

It is hoped that all will make a special effort to be present at the Corporate Communion which has been arranged at this early hour to make it possible for the kitchen staff to provide breakfast at School. It will be the last occasion on which our present Chaplain will be able to celebrate Holy Communion for the School.

The Chaplain leaves us this term and is sailing for South Africa at the end of July. He has been appointed Rector and Vice-Provost of the Collegiate Church of S. Mary the Virgin, Port Elizabeth, in the Diocese of Grahamstown, in succession to Archdeacon Alderson, who was recently consecrated Bishop of Damaraland. Mr. Taylor will, except for the School Corporate Communion on 12th July, be taking Services and preaching at S. Francis Church for the last time on Sunday, 9th July.

VALETE

DECEMBER, 1949

VIa Modern—R. C. Coles, B. C. Granger, J. F. Kingston.

VIa Science—P. C. Brans, J. E. Foster, R. A. Lacey.

VIb Modern—R. B. Appleton, J. L. M. Boucherat, F. Levisohn.

VIb Science—A. C. Armstrong, M. J. Frey, B. H. St. Clair.

Vm—D. Bromige, P. H. Clifford, D. Davies, N. J. Dicks, R. M. Matthew
G. W. G. Price, J. S. Pigott.

Vr—D. Attwood, B. E. Hind, B. Lansmere, R. C. Little.

VI—B. P. W. White.

IVa—C. I. D. Booth.

IVb—A. J. Ridout.

APRIL, 1950

- Via Modern—T. U. Burgner, M. Haltrecht, M. G. Max, S. Mayoss, D. J. Wilkins, G. A. T. Wise.
 Vib Modern—N. W. Fruen.
 Vib Science—J. E. Nightingale, P. E. J. Taylor.
 Vm—D. R. Ingledew.
 Va—P. V. Savage.
 IVa—J. Woolner.
 IVb—M. Roodhouse.
 IIIs—Q. G. Stevens.
 IIIb—J. M. Peattie.

- T. U. BURGNER (1943-50)—VIs Modern. Joblings. School Vice-Captain, 1949-50. School Prefect, 1949-50. House Vice-Captain, 1949-50. General Schools and Matriculation, 1947. Higher Schools and Inter. B.A., 1949. State Scholarship, 1949. Lower Sixth Form Prize, 1948. Third XV, 1949-50. Tennis Club. C.C.F. (Army Section), Sgt., Cert. "A," Pts. I and II (War). Assistant Librarian. Editor of THE SKYLARK, 1949-50. Dramatic Society, 1946-50, Secretary, 1949-50. Productions: "Twelfth Night, 1947, "Hamlet," 1949, "The Alchemist," 1950. Abbott Club. Music Society. Open Exhibition in English to St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, 1950.
- R. C. COLES (1942-49)—VIs Modern. Meadows. School Prefect. House-Captain, 1948-49. General Schools and Matriculation, 1947. Higher Schools, 1949. First XI, 1949. First XXII Colours, 1948, 1949. Second XV, 1949. First XXX Colours, 1949. Geographical Society. Sociological Society. Badminton Club. C.C.F. (Army Section), Cpl., Cert "A," Pts. I and II (War). Pirbright, 1949.
- B. C. GRANGER (1942-49)—VIs Modern. Russells. School Prefect, 1949. House Vice-Captain, 1949. General Schools and Matriculation, 1947. Higher Schools, 1949. Second XI, 1948, 1949. Captain, 1949. First XXII Colours, 1949. Third XV, 1949. C.C.F. (Army Section), Cpl., Cert. "A," Pts. I and II (War). Pirbright, 1949. Christian Union. Badminton Club. Geographical Society. Sociological Society.
- D. J. WILKINS (1942-50)—VIs Modern. Russells. School Prefect. House-Captain, 1949-50. General Schools and Matriculation, 1946. Higher Schools and Inter. B.A., 1948. Third XI, 1949. Captain, First Fives IV, 1947, 1950; Captain, 1947, 1950. Games Committee. C.C.F. (Air Section), Flt./Sgt./Instr., 1949-50. Thorney Island, 1948, 1950. Prof. Cert. Chess Society. First Chess VI, 1948, 1949, 1950. Secretary, 1948-49. Captain of Chess, 1949-50. Abbott Club, Secretary, 1949, President, 1949-50. Music Society. Dramatic Society, 1946-50. Production: "Hamlet," 1949.
- P. J. BRANS (1941-49)—Vla Science. Calverts. Sub-Prefect. General Schools and Matriculation, 1946. Higher Schools and Inter. B.Sc., 1949. House Recorder. C.C.F. (Army Section), Cpl., Cert. "A," Pts. I and II (War). Signals Classification. Signals Course, Catterick, 1949. Seal, 1947. Dramatic Society. Science Society. Handicraft Society.
- M. HALTRECHT (1941-50)—Vla Modern. Joblings. Sub-Prefect. General Schools and Matriculation, 1946. Higher Schools and Inter. B.A., 1948. First XV, 1949. First XXX Colours, 1948, 1949. S.S.U. Section Leader, 1949. Tennis Club. Rowing Club, 1947. Music Society. Dramatic Society. Production: "Twelfth Night," 1947, "Hamlet," 1949. Entrance to Fitzwilliam Hall, Cambridge.

- A. MAYOSS (1942-50)—VIs Modern. Joblings. Sub-Prefect. House Recorder, 1948-50. General Schools, 1946. Matriculation, 1947. Boat Club, 1947-50. First VIII, 1948-50. First IV, 1949. Half-colours, 1948-49. Secretary, 1949-50. C.C.F. (Army Section), Sgt., Cert. "A," Pts. I and II (War). R.A., J.T.C. Course, B.A.O.C.T.U. Deepcut, 1947. Drill and Weapon Training Course, Caterham, 1950. Pirbright, 1948, 1949. Dramatic Society. Production: "Hamlet," 1949. "The Alchemist," 1950. Music Society, Secretary. Abbott Club. School Choir, 1948-50. R.S.C.M. Festival, Canterbury, 1948, Eton College, 1949. Assistant School Organist. Great Shefford, 1946. Entrance to Keble College, Oxford.
- J. E. FOSTER (1944-49)—VIa Science. Strouts. Sixth Form Privileges. General Schools and Matriculation, 1948. First XI, 1949. First XXII Colours, 1949. First XV, 1948, 1949. Colours, 1949. Boxing Team, 1945-49. Colours, 1949. Athletics Team, 1948, 1949. Athletics Proficiency Award, Junior, First Class, 1945. Geographical Society. Art Society. Kleine Scheidegg, 1948-49.
- M. G. MAX (1943-50)—VIa Modern. Joblings. Sixth Form Privileges. General Schools and Matriculation, 1948. Fourth Form Prize, 1947. Third XI, 1949. Third XV, 1949. Boxing Team, 1946-50. Half-colours, 1950. Athletics Proficiency Awards, Junior and Intermediate, First Class. R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion, Award of Merit and Instructor's Cert. S.S.U. Dramatic Society. Production: "Twelfth Night." S.E.M.I.S.D.G. School Representative. Abbott Club.
- G. A. T. WISE (1943-50)—VIs Modern. Meadows. Sixth Form Privileges. General Schools and Matriculation, 1947. Higher Schools and Inter. B.A., 1949. C.C.F. (Air Section), Cpl./Instr. Prof. Cert. Third XV, 1949. Athletics Team, 1950. Chess Team, 1947-50. Secretary, 1949-50. London Public Schools Chess Team, 1949. Sociological Society, Vice-Chairman. Dramatic Society. Production: "Twelfth Night," 1947. "Hamlet," 1949. "The Alchemist," 1950. Badminton Club. Geographical Society. Abingdon, 1947. Manston, 1948.
- N. W. FRUEN (1944-50)—VIb Modern. Russells. General Schools and Matriculation, 1949. S.S.U. Abbott Club. Christian Union. Tennis Club.
- F. LEVISOHN (1944-50)—VIb Modern. Joblings. General Schools and Matriculation, 1949. C.C.F. (Army Section). Cert. "A," Pts. I and II (War). Cert. "T," Course in Railway Operating, Longmoor, 1950. Model Railway Society. Stamp Society. Geographical Society. Tennis Club. Seal, 1949.
- P. E. J. TAYLOR (1949-50)—VIb Science. Russells. General Schools and Matriculation, 1949. Athletics Team. Cross-Country Team, Colours. Chess Team. S.S.U. Natural History Society.
- D. M. BROMIGE (1945-49)—Vm. Hendersons. General Schools and Matriculation, 1949. Cross-Country Team, 1949. S.S.U. Abbott Club. Geographical Society.
- D. DAVIES (1944-49)—Vm. Hendersons. First XV, 1949, Colours, 1949. First XI, 1949. First XXII, Colours. Boxing Team, 1946, 1947, 1948. Half-colours, 1948. C.C.F. (Army Section). Cert. "A" Pts. I and II. Pirbright, 1949. Wroxham, 1949.
- J. S. PIGOTT (1945-50)—Vm. Calverts. General Schools, 1949. C.C.F. (Army Section), Cert. "A," Pt. I. Pirbright, 1949. Athletics. Proficiency Award, First Class. School Choir, 1947. Sociological Society.
- G. W. G. PRICE (1944-49)—Vm. Hendersons. General Schools and Matriculation, 1949. Third XV, 1949. C.C.F. (Army Section), Cert. "A," Pts. I and II (War). School Choir. Seal, 1949. Sociological Society.
- B. E. HIND (1944-49)—Vr. Joblings. First XV, 1949, Colours. Athletics Proficiency Award, Junior, 1947. House Cricket Colours. House Athletics Colours. C.C.F. (Army Section), Cert. "A," Pts. I and II (War). Model Aero. Club. Photographic Society.



OLD HABERDASHERS' R.F.C. 1st XV, 1949-50



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ANNUAL DINNER

The 52nd Annual Dinner of the Club was held in the School Hall, on Saturday, 4th February, the President being in the Chair. The Guest of Honour was Mr. A. W. C. Hamsher, First Warden of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, who replied to the toast of the Company, the Court of Assistants and the School Governors, ably proposed by A. C. Mann. The Club was also pleased to welcome Mr. Guy Eagleton, Clerk to the Governors, and the President and Secretary of the Old Askean Club. The Headmaster and the School Captain responded to the toast of the School, proposed by P. C. Brooker, and the President responded to that of the Club, proposed by S. E. Phillips.

For the first time in the Club's history the Dinner was held at the School and the experiment proved in every way a success. The Club's thanks are due to the Headmaster and the School Governors and also to the School staff for so kindly placing the premises, including the Common Rooms, at the disposal of the gathering.

Many of the record number of over 150 present heard for the first time the School organ played by A. Mayoss, a member of the School, and also had the opportunity of commenting on the improvements and modernisation made to the wing of the School building damaged by enemy action in 1940. A ballot taken from those present was almost unanimous in recommending that the Annual Dinner next year be again held at the School and the Committee has taken note of some small improvements needed in the organisation. But the response to this change was most encouraging and fully rewarded the Hon. Secretaries and others who worked hard to make the Dinner an outstanding success. The attendance of many younger members of the Club was particularly gratifying.

ANNUAL DANCE

The Annual Dance will be held on 11th October, 1950, at Hendon Hall Hotel (price 17s. 6d. a double ticket). The hotel is in Ashley Lane, N.W.4, and is easily reached by 240 'bus from Golders Green. It is hoped that this function will appeal both to young and old members of the Club and early application to the Hon. Secretaries for tickets is advisable as numbers will be limited.

CLUB REGISTER

The return of forms for the compilation of the Club register is an urgent necessity if the Register is to be up-to-date. It is believed that a number of Old Boys may not have received the forms and in that case they should apply to: L. J. Miller, 13 Richborough Road, N.W.2, without delay in order to be included in the Register.

MINOR CLUBS

Attention is drawn below to the extended activities of the H.O.B.C. through a larger number of minor clubs. The Hon. Secretaries of these Clubs will be pleased to hear from any Old Boy interested in their particular branch of activity.

1939-1945 WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Arrangements have now been made for the construction of a Garden of Remembrance and two tennis courts at Chase Lodge.

A contract has been placed for the tennis courts, and the Committee are asking boys and Old Boys of the School to help in making the Garden.

It is estimated that the work of clearing the site will occupy most of the summer. The Committee invite the offer of plants, flowers, shrubs or trees, and it is hoped that friends of the School will respond generously.

Offers of labour or materials will be welcomed by the Headmaster at the School.

KEMP MEMORIAL FUND

At a meeting of the Kemp Memorial Committee, held at the School on 21st March, 1950, it was reported that the sum of £375 had been subscribed in response to the Appeal for a Memorial to the late Rev. F. J. Kemp, Headmaster of the School from January 1920 to December 1940.

The Committee considered the form the Memorial should take. In the original Appeal, the furnishing of a new School Library had been suggested, but alternative suggestions were also invited. As there is no immediate possibility of building a new School Library, the Committee recommend that arrangements should be made for the painting of a portrait of the late Headmaster, and that the portrait should be hung in the School Hall.

The Committee invite the comments of those who subscribed to the Kemp Memorial Fund, and will be glad to consider any further suggestions.

O.H. RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Captain : A. H. SPRATT, 159 The Vale, N.W.11. (GLAdstone 3842)

Hon. Sec. : A. G. JENKINS, 36 Fordington Road, N.6 (TUDor 6011)

Season 1949-50 has proved to be one of mixed fortunes and if the Club has not done so well as in previous post-War years, the fact can be largely attributed to increasing competition and the end of the easy period of reconstruction. Thanks to its prompt restart in 1945 the O.H. Club was better able than most to fill the gaps caused by the War. But other Clubs are now in full swing as well and the change coincides with a number of injuries and other changes which have left the Club short of players of First XV standard behind the scrum. G. C. Eltringham has retired from the game due to injury, G. W. Spiers, mainspring of our post-War attack at fly-half, has not been available at all this season and the scrum-half, E. V. Escoffey, was injured in October and has not played since. In the circumstances, A. H. Spratt's difficulties as Captain have been considerable, but he is to be congratulated on rallying the XV so successfully in the second half of the season when the defeat of Old Whitgiftians (5—3) and a narrow loss at Stroud (5—8) were particularly meritorious performances. When able to get down from Oxford, W. T. A. Cox has proved a promising fly-half and A. T. White has given some plucky performances at the base of the scrum. In the centre, J. G. Stagg has shown signs of the confidence he needs to enable him to show his real talent and W. R. Tanner was restored to the back division and has enhanced its strong defence. T. F. Graham at back had a good season, but the wings, Goodall and Barnes, have not been given the scoring passes which might so easily have been theirs. N. R. Parker continues to show his usual greed for the ball in the tight scrums and his opponents recognise him as one of the best hookers in London Club football. M. J. Jackman has been once again a tower of strength built on increasingly solid foundations, while J. A. Beaumont, R. A. Bengé and the captain himself have, at times, played brilliant football from the back row of the scrum.

A little more finish and the defeats of 3—nil by Old Rutlishians, 5—6 by Old Blues, 6—8 by Barts Hospital and 5—8 by Old Paulines would have figured as victories. What the Club needs is speed and finish outside the scrum and it is encouraging to see some fine displays in the third and fourth XV's. But there is a deal of difference between Ex.A and First XV football and there is a grand opportunity for some of the up-and-coming younger players, both forwards and backs, to show that they can make the grade.

The A XV with an extremely strong fixture list, has done well to win half its games, but R. L. Hargrave, the captain, may be pardoned for forceful expression of the view that it might well have been more. Here again lack of finish has meant the loss of many matches which could have been won. The Ex.A and B XV's, however, have covered themselves with glory, the examples of the respective captains, Stewart Dunsford and Peter Kimble being largely responsible. Here there is real playing talent which should make First XV grade in due course. In the B XV one detects that touch of Junior XV leadership formerly associated with the name of T. N. Parker. John Percy's C XV has often been up against the difficulties one finds in running a fifth XV, but it has achieved some good results and includes some useful players. It is hoped that a regular sixth XV may function in the near future which would greatly help to solve the problem of an uneven number of home and away games.

The Annual Dinner of the Club was held at Hendon Hall Hotel on 3rd December, after the matches *v.* the School, some 120 members being present with the President, S. H. Bean in the Chair. The guests included Mr. E. Watts Moses, President of the Rugby Football Union, Mr. W. C. Ramsay (Middlesex) and Mr. W. D. Gibbs (Kent) and Mr. W. A. Woodhall (London Society of Referees). The Club is particularly appreciative of the fact that Mr. Watts Moses travelled down from Sunderland to honour us with his company, and this also meant his absence from the first England trial.

The Annual Dance was held on 15th March at Hendon Hall Hotel, over 100 being present. The Club's thanks are due to J. S. Alexander and N. R. Parker for organising this function.

RECORD FOR SEASON, 1949-50

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	
					For	Against
First XV	30	11	3	16	232	263
A XV	25	12	1	12	194	211
EX.A XV	23	12	5	6	268	168
B XV	26	20	—	6	320	142
C XV	21	7	3	11	86	204

EASTER TOUR

The 1950 Easter Tour proved a great success both on and off the field. Thirty-one members, including the President of the Club, were in the party.

Results were :—

Good Friday	v. Bridgwater Albion ...	... Lost 11—16 pts.
Easter Saturday	v. Bideford ...	... Drew 3—3 "
Easter Monday	v. Taunton ...	... Won 10—9 "

Headquarters were the Grenville Hotel, Bude, where mine host was Peter Dixon, a former member of the Club and, needless to say, a good time was had by all.

Arthur Spratt is to be congratulated on such a successful wind-up to the season, and on his brilliant display at full-back in the Taunton game.

O.H. ATHLETIC CLUB

Affiliated to the A.A.A. and Middlesex County A.A.A.

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R. E. PARTINGTON, *School Representative.*

The inauguration of the Athletic Club took place at a well-attended meeting held at School, on 24th January, 1950. The Executive elected was as above.

The Headmaster, Dr. Taylor, without whose assistance the Club might never have been launched, has honoured us by becoming our first President. We must express our sincere and grateful appreciation for the full and wholehearted support received from Dr. Taylor, and the School. Our thanks also go to Mr. Crossman for his keen interest and help, to Mr. Dudderridge who, despite his numerous preoccupations, has been of great assistance to the Club, and to Mr. Hewson for his co-operation in the sphere of Boxing. It must be recorded that the fullest co-operation and greatest possible assistance has been received from the School. We have been granted the great privilege of being permitted the full use of the School gymnasium and "Chase Lodge" for training, and training is so essential for success in Athletics.

Our thanks are due also to A. G. Jenkins, Esq., President of the Haberdashers' Old Boys' Club and to the Club itself for its help and financial grant. May we hope that this help will be reciprocal. I should like to express my personal thanks to all members of the Rugger Club who offered advice and assisted in the preparatory stages of the formation of the Club, in particular to W. Apted, W. R. Tanner, E. Cinnamon and J. Weinstein, who assisted me as early as November, 1949.

We have now over 50 members, many of whom, despite lack of training, are already useful athletes, in particular those from the School. We have been particularly pleased to welcome the majority of the best athletes from the School, both Junior and Senior. May I extend, on behalf of the Club, a warm and sincere invitation to all those at School interested in athletics or boxing, to join us. They are wanted and will be most welcome as members. Full details may be obtained from our representative at School, R. E. Partington. It is most essential that all those interested and eligible be encouraged to join us in preference—as has been the custom for many a year—to joining other Athletic or Harriers Clubs. School and Junior members will compete only in their own age and class. It is necessary for those at School wishing to join, to have first obtained written permission from a parent or guardian. We are affiliated to the Amateur Athletic Association, and run under their Rules. The majority of matches are for Juniors. A Junior is under 19 years of age.

Application has been made to Middlesex County A.A.A. for coaches, and it is to be hoped that we may obtain the services of a coach. However, should the A.A.A. be unable to supply us with an Hon. Coach, we hope to put certain senior members "on Course" at one of the A.A.A. training courses, either in the London area, or at Loughborough College Summer School, to train and qualify, eventually, as Hon. Coaches.

In conclusion, may I express my appreciation of the Captain, D. Cooper-Jones, Vice-Captain and all members of the Executive for accepting a most arduous task in this, our most difficult year. May I hope that the enthusiasm and keenness shown by all members at present will continue into the future.

ATHLETICS MATCH DATES, 1950

Date	Opponents	Ground
Saturday, 22nd April	The School	Chase Lodge.
" 29th "	The School, Cross Country	" "
" 13th May	Shaftesbury Harriers ...	Parliament Hill Fields
Wednesday, 24th "	Old Blues	Fairlop
Thursday, 15th June	Old Elizabethans...	Barnet
Wednesday 21st June	Southgate Harriers ...	Broomfield Park
Tuesday, 27th "	Hampstead Harriers ...	Bethune Park
Wednesday, 19th July	Inter Old Boys v. O.B.'s, O.E.'s, O. Rutlish, O. Tiffinians, Croydon H.	Merton Park

N.B.—Mid-week dates are all evenings.

O.H. ATHLETIC CLUB *v.* THE SCHOOL
CHASE LODGE : SATURDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1950
PROGRAMME AND SCORING SHEET

Event	No.	O.H. Places	Score	School Places	Score	Time, Height, or Distance
100 yds. ...	1	2nd, 4th	3	1st, 3rd	6	10.8 secs.
880 yds. ...	2	1st, 3rd	5½	2nd, 3rd	3½	2 m. 12 "
Shot Putt ...	3	1st, 4th	5	2nd, 3rd	4	34 ft. 2 in.
220 yds. ...	4	2nd, 4th	3	1st, 3rd	6	25.4 secs.
High Jump ...	5	1st, 2nd	8	3rd	1	5 ft. 5 in.
Discus ...	6	1st	5	2nd, 3rd	4	97 " 1 "
440 yds. ...	7	1st, 3rd	6	2nd	3	58.4 secs.
Javelin ...	8	3rd, 4th	1	1st, 2nd	8	125 ft. 0 in.
Hurdles Heats ...	9	1st	—	1st	—	
Long Jump ...	10	1st, 3rd	6	2nd, 4th	3	17 " 3 "
Mile ...	12	1st, 4th	5	2nd, 3rd	4	5 m. 5.7 secs.
Hurdles Final ...	13	2nd	3	1st	5	14.6 "
Relay, 4 x 110 ...	14	2nd	6	1st	10	48.7 "
Medley Relay ...	15	1st	10	2nd	6	4 m. 2.3 "
TOTAL			66½	TOTAL	63½	
ORDER			1ST	ORDER	2ND	

Method of Scoring : 1st—5 pts. ; 2nd—3 pts. ; 3rd—1 pt. ; Double for Relays.

The result of this, our first match, is truly indicative of a very close and keenly contested meeting. The School team put up an excellent show and the final result became apparent only in the closing stages of the match.

We were very pleased to welcome to the meeting our President, the Headmaster, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Crossman, who gave us considerable assistance despite his recent illness. The smooth running of the meeting was due to the efficiency of the A.A.A. officials, who conducted the match with a keen and friendly interest, and to the thoroughness with which Mr. Thomas organised the programme, assisted by members of the School and Old Haberdashers' Club. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Dudderidge, who helped to arrange the match and printed the programme, and to Mrs. Pinnell, Mrs. Cooper-Jones and Mrs. J. B. Wells who rendered much-appreciated assistance on the catering side.

We are grateful to all members of the School who took part, particularly those who competed on behalf of the O.H.A.C., namely, G. D. M. Parker, G. H. Silvey, P. S. Herd and A. L. Hughes. Most of the School team are actually also members of the O.H.A.C. We must also thank all O.H.'s who competed for putting up such a good show so early in the season—particularly those in the Services who made a special effort to attend—and D. Cooper-Jones for his own fine example and able leadership in the Club's first match. Finally, we must express our great appreciation of the help received from Mr. Galley and his assistant in the preparation of the ground.

The result of the match is very encouraging and gives us hope of a reasonable season, for there is evidently considerable—if untrained—talent in the Club.

BERNARD SACKS, *Hon. Secretary.*

O.H. BOXING CLUB

Hon. Sec. : P. FREITAG, "Roseberry", Hempstead Road, Watford

In late November of last year it was decided to launch a Boxing Club, affiliated to the H.O.B.C. and the A.B.A., and working in close conjunction with the Athletic Club. This latter harness was deemed advisable as a practical expedient resulting in the cutting down of costs of both sections. Circulars were sent out and plans made which were to be put into operation as soon as sufficient support was forthcoming to invest this venture with a reasonable chance of success.

Unfortunately, the steady stream of replies which was expected did not materialise and, up to the date of writing, too few boys had indicated their interest to justify the formation of the Club and its affiliation to the A.B.A.

However, reports from School point to the fact that expectations for the future are good, and that several boys now figuring prominently in school boxing are interested in pursuing this activity, in conjunction with other Haberdashers, after leaving school.

All those interested, either in becoming members or in obtaining additional information, should write to the Hon. Secretary, and when signs of sufficient support become evident, a General Meeting will be called with a view to electing a Committee, laying down a constitution and making concrete plans for future activities.

O.H. CRICKET CLUB

Hon. Sec. : D. A. BLESSLEY,

12 Somali Road, N.W.2. (HAM 6532)

Eleven First XI and two Second XI matches have been arranged for this season, details being as follows :—

1950

7th May	Second XI v. Mill Hill Village Fourth XI.
14th „	Bledlow
28th „	National Bank.
11th June	Totteridge.
18th „	Private Banks.
25th „	O.M.T.'s
8th July	School First and Second XI's.
9th „	North Mimms.
16th „	Old Rutlishians.
6th Aug.	Mill Hill Village.
13th „	Albanian Association.
27th „	Sinclairians.

With the longer fixture list, it is hoped that there will be a corresponding increase in playing support and all those Old Boys interested should get in touch with me without delay. Spectators will also be welcomed at any of our matches.

O.H. RIFLE CLUB

Hon. Secretary :

B. HOPWOOD, 37 Larkfield Avenue, Kenton, Harrow, Middx.

It is hoped that the Rifle Club will be functioning by early summer.

Membership is open to all Old Boys and Senior members of the School. The activities will be confined mainly to .22 shooting and it is hoped that one or two teams will be able to shoot regularly in some of the many rifle club leagues. It may also be possible to arrange week-end visits to Bisley for the full-bore enthusiasts.

All Old Boys who are interested should get in touch immediately with the Hon. Secretary, whilst Senior boys of the School wishing to join the Club should contact the School Captain of Shooting. If the Club is to succeed it must have a large and enthusiastic membership.

O.H. ROWING CLUB

OFFICERS, 1950-51

Captain : I. M. GLOINSON. *Vice-Captain :* J. WEINSTEIN.

Hon. Secretary : J. WEINSTEIN. *Hon. Asst. Secretary :* M. J. DARE.

Hon. Secretary, Canoe Section : A. R. B. CLOOTE.

Hon. Treasurer : J. CAUFIELD.

COMMITTEE

R. APPLETON, P. H. CLIFFORD, W. R. GIBBON, D. R. S. HARPER,
J. MANWARING (*School Representative*).

A meeting was held at the School on 17th April to ascertain what support would be given to an Old Boys' Rowing Club. The attendance was very encouraging. The meeting unanimously decided to form the Club and to seek affiliation with the Mortlake Rowing Club, so that use could be made of their premises. If this application is successful, then the O.H. Rowing Club can commence rowing in early May.

Elections were held for Captain, Vice-Captain, Hon. Secretary, Asst. Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer and a Committee of five others. These posts having been filled, it was agreed to hold the inaugural General Meeting at School on the following Monday, and with this the meeting terminated.

The newly-elected Committee then met to select a suitable person to stand for President of the Club and to draw up a constitution. It was suggested that a Canoeing Section be established as a sub-section to the Rowing Club, and that anyone interested should contact A. R. B. Cloote, 14, Stanley Avenue, Wembley, Middx., for further details. Other matters discussed included ways of raising funds for the Club.

The O.H. Rowing Club is open to all Old Boys and to boys still at School who are interested in rowing, any of whom will be warmly welcomed. Further information can be obtained from the following : J. Weinstein, 10 Brondesbury Court, Willesden Lane, N.W.2. Tel. WIL 2191 ; M. J. Dare, 5 Glyda Mansions, Gondar Gardens, N.W.6 ; and J. L. Manwaring, at the School, or at 7 Hill Close, Dollis Hill Avenue, N.W.2.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Keevil, who has done so much for School Rowing and is actively interested in the O.H.R.C. ; and we hope that we shall soon have some results to show.

O.H. LAWN TENNIS CLUB

For some time an informal Old Haberdashers' Lawn Tennis Club has functioned during the summer. Now, partly as the result of the development of the game at the School, it has been decided to establish a Lawn Tennis Section of the H.O.B.C., with a programme of matches. It is felt that the talent is there and with so many Old Boys already active tennis players, only enthusiasm and co-operation are needed to make the Club a success.

It is expected that courts will soon be available at Chase Lodge and that arrangements can be made with existing clubs for play and practice. All Old Boys interested should write to the Club representative on the H.O.B.C. Committee : Peter Freitag, " Roseberry ", Hempstead Road, Watford, Herts., who will be pleased to supply particulars.

HABERDASHERS' OLD BOYS' LODGE

(No. 3362)

Secretary : J. N. GREEN, 41 Chichele Road, N.W.2

After serving a busy year as Master of the Lodge, during which the 40th Anniversary of the Consecration was celebrated, it was unfortunate that his professional duties prevented Ashe Lincoln from installing his successor, Frederick Lewin Green, B.A., as Master. This misfortune, however, allowed the Secretary to have the privilege of installing his brother. Freddy Green, who will be remembered as the leader of the pack when the School first adopted Rugger, was a member of the O.H. First XV for many years and has been a strong supporter of the Club ever since. He is assured of a full and memorable year of office.

O.H. NEWS

News of Old Boys and their activities will be welcomed by the O.H. Correspondent to THE SKYLARK, A. G. Jenkins, 36 Fordington Road, Highgate, N.6, or can be sent direct to the Editors at the School.

PERSONAL

DAVID BOWEN (left 1941), who was a meteorological officer in the Navy during the latter war years, has recently published a small bi-monthly newsletter called "WEATHER NEWS FRONT." It is effectively illustrated by Edward Ardizzone and, in the words of its author, "aims to present the subject of weather in language that the layman can understand, to give a topical and fresh approach and to show how the weather affects our daily lives, occupations and sports."

It is a novel venture and certainly sheds new light on a well-worn subject. It gives, for example, interesting and often amusing historical anecdotes about the weather of past ages for comparison with the facts of to-day, deals with weather lore and describes the effects of our variable climate on such things as statues and buildings. Since our favourite topic of conversation is the weather, this little booklet should have a wide circulation. It can be obtained from David Bowen at BCM/Weather, London, W.C.1, at a cost of 5s. per year.

NORMAN HUMPHREY (1908-1915) recently visited the School on leave from the Colonial Service. He has spent the last 20 years in Kenya and has recently served as Agricultural Adviser to the Kenya Government. Being seconded for special duties in 1944, he has carried out enquiries into agricultural and sociological problems in certain native areas and was a member of the newly-formed African Land Utilisation and Settlement Board, whose task it has been to start various post-War schemes in the Native Lands.

Several of Humphrey's reports have been published in official journals, and in 1948 and 1949 Longmans Green issued seven booklets written by him for Africans, in English and Swahili, under the title, "Africans and their Land." A number of other booklets of a similar nature are now in course of preparation for the East African Literature Bureau.

Humphrey's connection with Africa dates back to 1923 when he joined the Sudan Plantations Syndicate as an Inspector in the Gezira cotton-growing scheme, south of Khartoum. He later served for 2½ years in Nyasaland.

Norman Humphrey's present address is c/o The Hall, Water-beach, Cambs., but he expects to be going abroad again very shortly to carry on the good work he has been doing for African colonial agriculture.

H. T. NORRIS (1938-44)—now at Peterhouse, Cambridge, reading Anthropology and Archaeology, gave a broadcast talk on the Third Programme on Thursday, April 18th, entitled "A Summer in the Central Sahara." The Radio Times stated that Norris and another undergraduate spent the greater part of their long vacation in 1949 visiting the S.W. Haggar in the Sahara Desert and made contact with the veiled Tuareg peoples of the Central Sahara. In his talk Norris described the expedition and some of the personalities he met on the way.

R. J. SPIERS (1941-47)—has played rugger for the R.A.F. (in France) this year versus the French Air Force and versus the Champion French County. He is now commissioned as a Flying Officer with an R.A.F. Fighter Squadron stationed at Odiham, having passed out at Cranwell on December 14th, 1949, when he commanded "A" Squadron as F.C. Sgt. at the Graduation Parade, reviewed by Field Marshal Sir William J. Slim, C.I.G.S., and received the Air Ministry Prize for Imperial and War Studies. His squadron at Cranwell won the Trenchard Cup for service training, the Ferris Trophy for drill and the Kinkhead Cup for Flying, and Spiers himself took a leading part in rugger, swimming and dramatics and edited "The Journal" during his training course.

BIRTHS

AMSTEIN—On 22nd March, 1950, to Rosemary, wife of Dr. C. S. Amstein, a son.

BROWN—On 7th March, 1950, at Wellington, New Zealand, to Betty, wife of L. F. Brown, a son (David John).

CINNAMON—On 25th March, 1950, to Joan (née Monnickendam), wife of Ellis Cinnamon, a daughter.

JACKMAN—On 20th February, 1950, at Kingsbury, to Doreen, wife of P. H. Jackman, a son (Richard).

KIMBLE—On 13th March, 1950, at Pinner, to Phyllis (née Hope), wife of Peter Kimble, a son.

WELLS—On 14th February, 1950, to Victoria (née Dale), wife of J. B. Wells, a son (Richard William Duke).

DEATHS

Through the medium of the new Old Boys' Register now in course of compilation we regret to learn of the deaths of:

L. C. GOULD, R. G. JORDAN, E. C. MEARS, J. R. SLAUGHTER.

The death is also announced of two distinguished Old Haberdashers, W. STANLEY EDGSON, on 18th February, 1950 (aged 57), in Jamaica; and

SIR RALPH FREEMAN, on 11th March, 1950 (aged 69).

IN MEMORIAM

Captain L. C. Gould died in February, 1949, as the result of War Service in Burma. He was gazetted to the Durham Light Infantry in 1941 and later served with the Royal West Africa Frontier Force (I met him in Freetown, Sierra Leone in 1943—O.H. Ed.). Laurie Gould will be remembered as a prominent member of the old Soccer Club. He also represented the Southern Amateur League and Hampstead Town (now Hendon) F.C.

R. G. Jordan died in 1946. He was a former Captain of the School.

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Stanley Edgson, D.L., F.R.I.C.S., F.A.I., partner in Hillier, Parker, May and Rowden, achieved distinction both in his profession as a surveyor and in civic life as Alderman and Mayor of Westminster. In World War I, Stanley Edgson was commissioned from the Middlesex Yeomanry into the R.F.A. and after being wounded on the Somme was "demobbed" with the rank of major. He won the Penfold gold medal of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and became an active member of the Chartered Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute. It was in 1925 that he became a member of the Westminster City Council and he was elected Mayor in 1941-42 during the strain of World War II, afterwards receiving the honour of appointment as Deputy-Lieutenant of the County of London. He contested the Balham and Tooting Parliamentary Division as a Conservative in 1945 and only last December he was elected a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers. He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter, and his sudden death while on holiday in the West Indies came as a great shock to his many friends in all walks of life. The magazine of the NALGO Westminster Branch, records the passing of a "fine English gentleman who bore the dignity of voluntary service for the community with distinctive charm." As an active and enthusiastic member of the H.O.B.C. Stanley Edgson missed few of its big functions, busy as he was, and only shortly before his sailing for West Indies, the President received a kindly note from him, wishing the Club the greatest success at the Annual Dinner and regretting his inability for once to be present. A large gathering attended the Memorial Service at St. George's, Hanover Square, on 18th February.

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Sir Ralph Freeman achieved world fame which will survive perhaps longer than that of any Old Boy who has so far qualified for the highest professional honours, for he was personally responsible for the design and erection of the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge, Australia's greatest pride. He became a partner in Sir Douglas Fox and Partners, consulting engineers, in 1912, and remained in active control of the firm, Freeman, Fox and Partners till his death. He was responsible for five large bridges in the Rhodesias, two of which were over 1,000 ft. span. The Sydney Bridge is a steel arch of 1,650 ft. span carrying a 60 ft. road and four rail lines and it earned for Ralph Freeman the Baker Medal of the Institute of Civil Engineers, its highest award. More recently he was engaged on designs for the River Severn Suspension Bridge of 3,300 ft. span and on a 3,500 ft. bridge for Auckland Harbour. An Honorary Fellow of the Imperial College of Science, Ralph Freeman was knighted in 1947. His life's work was bridge-building and the success he gained was, perhaps, also a tribute to the mathematical education of the Stokes era at the School. He leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter and a memory which will always be treasured by those Old Boys privileged to know him.

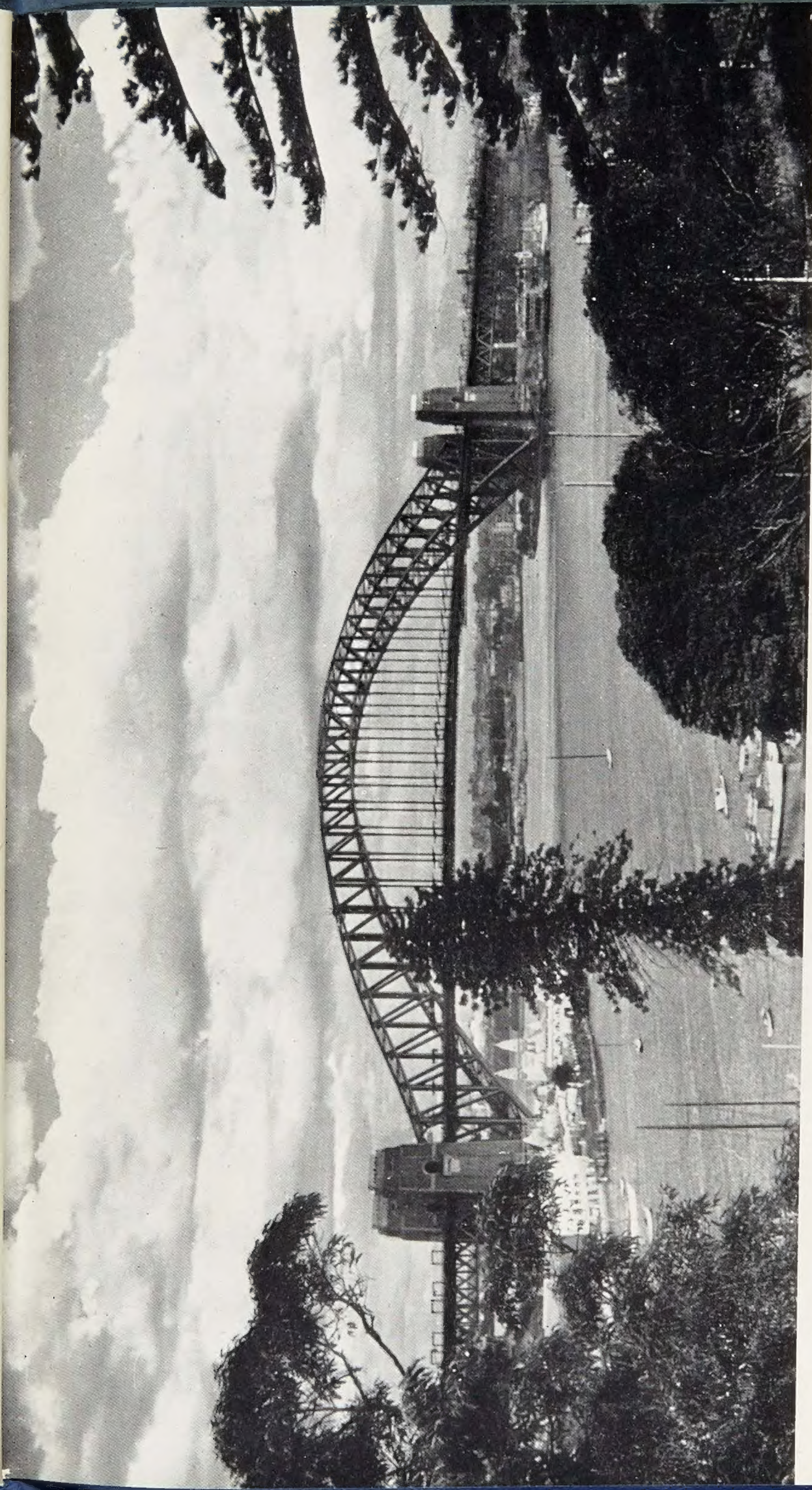
OUR CONTEMPORARIES

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following magazines from other schools, apologising for any inadvertent omissions: Albanian, Askean, Aldenham School Magazine, Bancroftian, Bedan, Berkhamstedian, Blue (Christ's Hospital), Brightonian, Caterham School Magazine, City of London School Magazine, Edmundian, Elizabethian, Elthamian, Exonian, Fettesian, Georgian, Haberdashers' Aske's Acton School Magazine, Heriotes, Kings College School Magazine, Laxtonian, Masonian, Mill Hill School Magazine, N.L.C.S. Magazine, Olavian, Pelican, Portucullis, St. Dunstan's College Chronicle, Sulian, Taylorian, Totnesian, Uppingham School Magazine, Wish Stream (Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst), and The English Public Schools Association Journal.

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